

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Use Of A-Bombs

SHOULD the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation have an automatic right to use atomic artillery and other tactical weapons to fight back an invasion of Western Europe? This is one of the questions to be tackled at the forthcoming meeting of the Atlantic Council, top ministerial body of the Alliance, which begins on Friday. At the heart of the question is the feeling among certain Western European nations that a decision to use these weapons should be made not by the NATO military command but by the governments concerned. And according to cables reports, Britain, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Denmark are among those nations which would rather have their governments decide the answer to this question than the military who, they possibly feel, are inclined to be dispassionate about the sacrifice of civilian lives in pursuing strategy. The opposition to the reported stand by General Gruenther, Supreme Commander of NATO, and the American Government on this issue seems from the natural desire for self-preservation since in the event of war West Europe is certain to become a vast battlefield; it is possibly also influenced by the natural disinclination of highly civilised people to be the instigators of the mass destruction and suffering involved in atomic or any other kind of warfare. For Europe is weary and tired of everlasting tension, disgusted by the benightedness perpetrated by the Nazis in the last war but desperately anxious to forget about them and any new form of mass annihilation.

THE attitude of the West Europeans is understandable but it is inclined to blunt realism and breed apathy. It is fortunate that the West has a realistic guarantee in America which remains alert to the dangers abroad in the world and is constantly urging her allies to take new measures to safeguard Western civilisation. The atomic bomb at the moment is a useful deterrent to aggression but if the Russians ever attack the West, no one doubts that it would automatically lead to World War III. The Americans possibly take the view that inevitably, if there is to be a war, atomic bombs will fall on Europe. They also feel that if two military can use atomic weapons initially in the event of a Russian attack there may be some hope of checking the advance of the Soviet armed forces, and that unless they have an automatic right to use the bomb, valuable time will be wasted in forestalling an enemy advance. The West, however, has a right to insist that NATO should not be the instigators of an atomic attack. But at the same time there can be no quarrel with the principle of an "eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" for unless the West counters an atomic attack in like manner it will be exposing itself to certain defeat. The prospect is dreadful to contemplate but until agreement is reached on the banning of atomic weapons, it is essential to have some agreement between the NATO powers on the use of this weapon in the event of war.

MOSCOW ATTACKS U.S.-FORMOSA PACT

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Broadcast Of Foreign Ministry Statement



Oil Tycoon Next?

Duke Of Windsor Drills For Oil

New York, Dec. 15. The Duke of Windsor disclosed today that he has been drilling for oil on his Canadian ranch out so far has not been successful. The Duke and Duchess arrived aboard the liner United States for their annual winter visits to New York and Palm Beach, Florida. They may travel to his 4,000-acre ranch outside Calgary, Alberta, in the Spring, the Duke said. The subject of oil was brought up in a shipboard news conference after a reporter asked the Duke if he had joined in the uranium prospecting rush in Western Canada. He was non-committal about that, but admitted he had been nursing hopes of becoming an oil tycoon. "We haven't found any yet, but work has been done on it, but there are only two dry holes so far," he replied. The couple asked about the recent United States visit of Britain's Queen Mother Elizabeth. They were told the trip was a big success. "That's excellent," the Duke said, and the Duchess added: "How nice."—United Press.

ALI PLANS TALKS WITH NEHRU

Karachi, Dec. 15. The Pakistan Premier, Mr. Mohammed Ali has invited the Indian Premier, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru to come to Karachi to discuss outstanding differences between the two countries, an authoritative source said today. The invitation was forwarded to Mr. Nehru by the Pakistan High Commissioner to India, Mr. Ghazanfar Ali Khan. In New Delhi it was announced today that India has agreed to a Pakistani request for resumption of direct talks on an official level of outstanding disputes between the two nations. IMPASSE Mr. Nehru, answering questions in India's Upper House, said that previous talks reached an impasse because of the advent of United States military aid to Pakistan which "affected those talks." Mr. Nehru added that neither nation had laid down "firm preliminary conditions for the resumption of the talks at various levels."—United Press.

Submarine Accident: Three Missing

Chatham, Dec. 15. Three workmen are believed trapped in the submarine Talent which was swept from a dock here today when the dock gate collapsed. The submarine was swept across the River Medway and went aground in about six feet of water on the west side of the river. CHECK MADE The three men were listed as missing after a check of all dockyard hands who finished work at 6 o'clock tonight. Three others are reported with serious injuries. More than 50 workmen, all civilians, were aboard the submarine which is in Chatham for a refit. Most of them jumped for their lives as water rushed into the dock—like a tidal wave—according to one eye-witness—and the vessel was carried away. Freeman helped to rescue the survivors. SALVAGE ATTEMPT One hundred salvagers men swarmed aboard the Talent and worked tonight by floodlight, closing valves and pumps before pumping out the flooded interior. Rescue workers waited ready as the "submarine" was hoisted by a crane.

Moscow, Dec. 15. The Soviet Government announced tonight that it "fully supports" the Chinese Communist demand for the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Formosa, the Formosa Strait and the Pescadores Islands. The Foreign Ministry issued a statement denouncing the pact signed on December 2 by the United States and the Chinese on Formosa. The statement aligned Russia with a Peking charge that the pact was an interference in Chinese internal affairs, an attempt on Chinese territorial integrity, and endangered the security of China and peace in Asia. The treaty was described as an "aggressive" one, intended to cut "these national Chinese territories" off from China and to bring them under the domination of the United States.

The Foreign Ministry charged that the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, "disclosed the aggressive character" of the pact by saying, "I hope that the signing of this treaty on defence will once and for all put an end to all rumours and reports that the U.S.A. will, in any way whatever, agree to the transfer of Formosa and the Pescadores to the control of the Communists." Backing the stand of Communist China on the issue, the United States Government said the Soviet Government "fully supported the demands of the Chinese People's Republic Government for the withdrawal of American forces from the area and the cessation of aggressive actions against the Chinese People's Republic."

AGGRESSIVE TREATY Notwithstanding such reactions, the Russians said, the United States Government issued an order in June, 1950, at the outbreak of the Korean war, to send troops to Formosa, and has been occupying it. "The aggressive treaty signed between the U.S.A. and the Chiang Kai-shek clique aims at finding a pretext for the illegal entry of U.S. armed forces on Formosa and on the Pescadores, and at the preservation of the occupation of these territories," the statement added.—United Press.

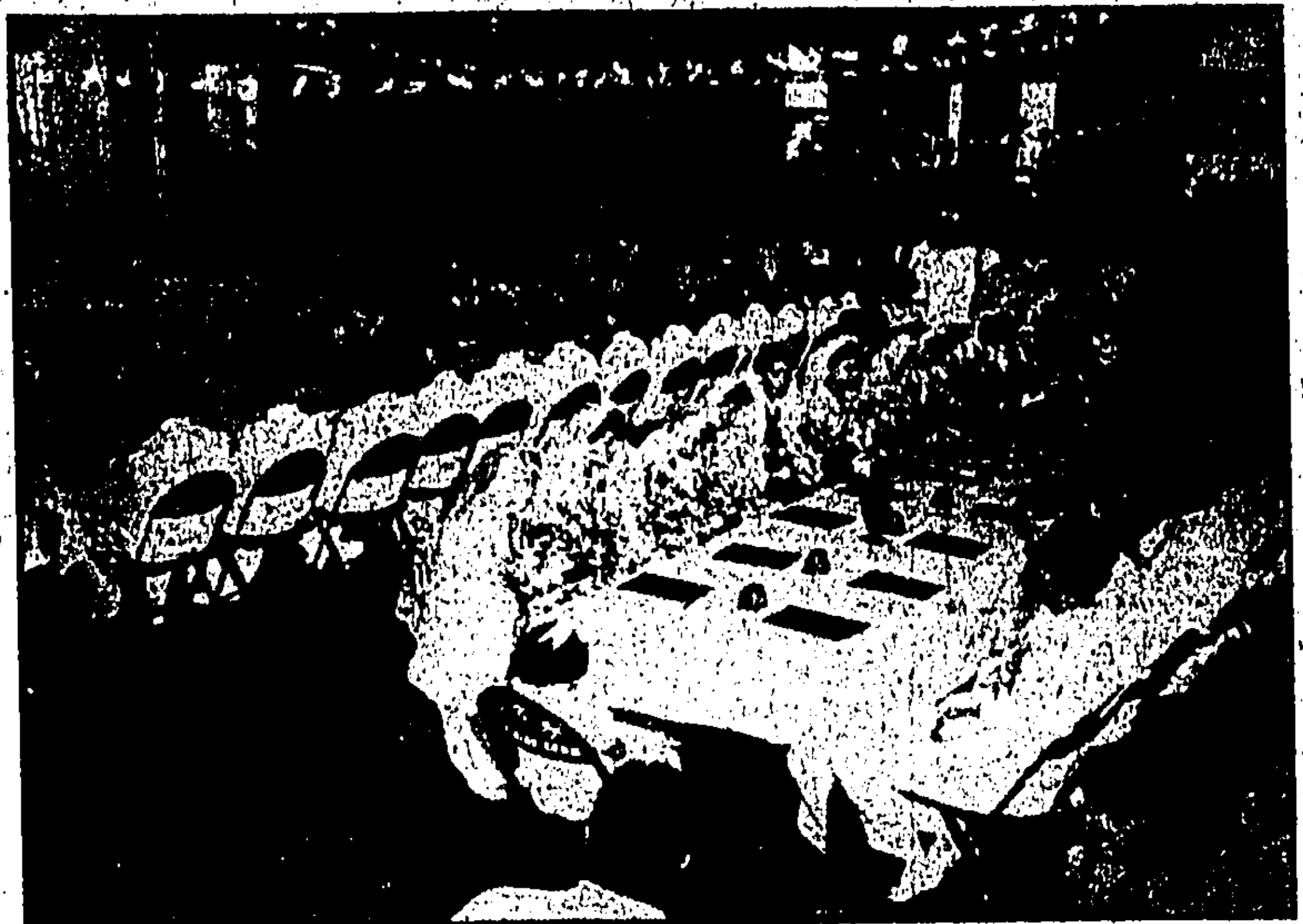
The Pope: Slight Improvement

Vatican City, Dec. 15. Pope Pius XII today registered a "slight improvement" in his serious illness after a 38-hour "stationary" period which had caused new concern. As a result of his improvement, doctors prepared for a series of X-ray examinations tomorrow through which they hope to determine definitely the source of his illness. But his physicians cautioned that the 78-year-old Pontiff is still very sick. Even before the X-ray examination, the attending doctors said a preliminary study of gastric juices extracted from the Pope's stomach indicated that his illness was not caused by cancer or a tumor.—United Press.

Doctor Sends Bill To Kremlin

Berlin, Dec. 15. A German doctor who was consulted during the late Joseph Stalin's illness has not yet been paid for his services, it was learned here today. The doctor, Fritz Hesse, a Berlin specialist, has sent a telegram to the Soviet High Commissioner, V. Semenov, to complain. He contends that though his advice was sought by a representative of Lavrenti Beria, who was later executed as a traitor, there was no reason why his debt should not be settled.—France-Press.

Singapore Mass Wedding—26 Say "I Will"



Twenty-six Khek brides fled into their community guild in Peck Seah Street, Singapore, last week. They were married at a mass wedding witnessed by more than 600 well-wishers and relatives. This was the seventh mass wedding organised by the Association.—Straits Times picture.

Vital Meeting Begins Today

Big Three To Discuss Four Power Talks Prospects

Paris, Dec. 15. The Big Three Western Foreign Ministers will meet tomorrow to discuss the latest diplomatic exchanges with Moscow and the prospect for a conference with the Russians next year.

Mr. John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, landed here tonight and immediately began consultations with his advisers about tomorrow's conference and the Atlantic Council session, opening on Friday. Sir Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, is due to arrive tomorrow.

THREE QUESTIONS Besides the question of negotiations with Russia, Mr. Dulles, Sir Anthony Eden and M. Pierre Mendes-France, the French Premier, will also discuss, according to diplomatic sources: ● The use of atom weapons in case of attack. ● The situation in South-east Asia, especially conditions in Indo-China, which are causing concern. ● Prospects for improving Arab-Israeli relations and for linking the Middle East with the Western powers global defence system.

Last week's Russian note to the West, and a subsequent statement by Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, rejected a French move to end the occupation of Austria and said that negotiations on the Austrian and German problems would be "fruitful" once the Paris treaties naming West Germany were ratified.

Authoritative sources said today this would not deflect the West from pressing forward with the ratification of the Paris treaties before meeting the Russians at the conference table.

WESTERN VIEW The Western powers did not accept at its face-value Russia's warning that there could be no subsequent negotiations. M. Mendes-France has mentioned May as a possible time for a four-power conference after careful diplomatic preparation. But the Big Three ministers are expected to agree tomorrow to adhere to the programme they themselves suggested to Moscow as the necessary steps to any East-West meeting.

They include: prior agreement on the Austrian treaty, clarification of the Soviet attitude to the free German elections and diplomatic exchanges on security and other questions.

USE OF A-BOMBS Lord Ismay, Secretary-General of NATO, said at a press conference tonight that full responsibility for sanctioning the use of atom weapons would rest with governments, and not with military commanders. "Let's say," he said, "that if a government would sanction the use of atom weapons, it would be responsible for the consequences."—United Press.

U.S. Farm Exports May Go To Russia

New York, Dec. 15. The Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Ezra Taft Benson, said today that the Administration was considering direct trade of some farm commodities with Iron Curtain countries.

He said at a press conference: "My feeling is that we should be willing to trade with Iron Curtain countries so long as the trade is in our favour, whether it be butter or anything else." He had told the conference "we are considering some sales to countries which may in turn sell to Iron Curtain countries."

DIRECT SALES, TOO Asked if direct sales to Iron Curtain countries of so-called "surplus" goods to the Soviet Union and its satellites was contemplated, Mr. Benson replied, "both." Mr. Benson made these comments in answer to a question about possible plans to sell butter to the Soviet Union. As to countries outside the Iron Curtain recycling American goods to Communist countries, Mr. Benson said it was difficult to "police" sales to other countries as far as the ultimate destination of the goods was concerned.

REVISION CONSIDERED Mr. Benson also said that he was giving "serious consideration" to revision of the entire farm parity formula. Parity is a standard set on farm prices by the Government designed to be fair to the farmer in relation to the cost of what he buys.—Reuter.

Ike Sceptical About Flying Saucers

Washington, Dec. 15. President Eisenhower told his press conference today he had been assured it was wrong to believe that "flying saucers" come from an outside planet. He made this comment when asked to give his opinion on flying phenomena and on reports that some European governments were investigating the problem. The President said that nothing official at all had come to his attention but he added that an Air Force officer whom he trusted told him that as far as he knew it was completely inaccurate to believe that flying saucers came from an outside planet.—Reuter.

1954 Placings Announced In Hollywood

JUNE ALLYSON TOP BOX-OFFICE STAR

Hollywood, Dec. 15. Gary Cooper and June Allyson have been voted the top box-office attractions for 1954—Cooper for the third time in three years and Miss Allyson climbing to the top of the ladder from ninth place last year.

Box-office Magazine's annual count of some 10,000 ballots represents the opinion of approximately 5,000 theatre owners and as many representatives of film councils, trade and press, radio and television commentators. Actually, June Allyson topped the voting, relegating Cooper to the number-two position. The actress' cowboy star was the winner in 1952 and 1953.

GABLE NOT FAVOURED Following them were: (3) Jane Wyman (No. 7 in 1953), (4) Marilyn Monroe (No. 5 in 1953), (5) Audrey Hepburn, a newcomer, (6) Humphrey Bogart, a newcomer, (7) James Stewart, (8) William Holden, (9) John Wayne, (10) Bing Crosby, (11) Susan Hayward and (12) Ava Gardner.

In addition to Miss Hepburn, other newcomers to the top 12 were Bogart, Stewart and Holden. Out of favour were Esther Williams, Montgomery Clift, Doris Day and Clark Gable.

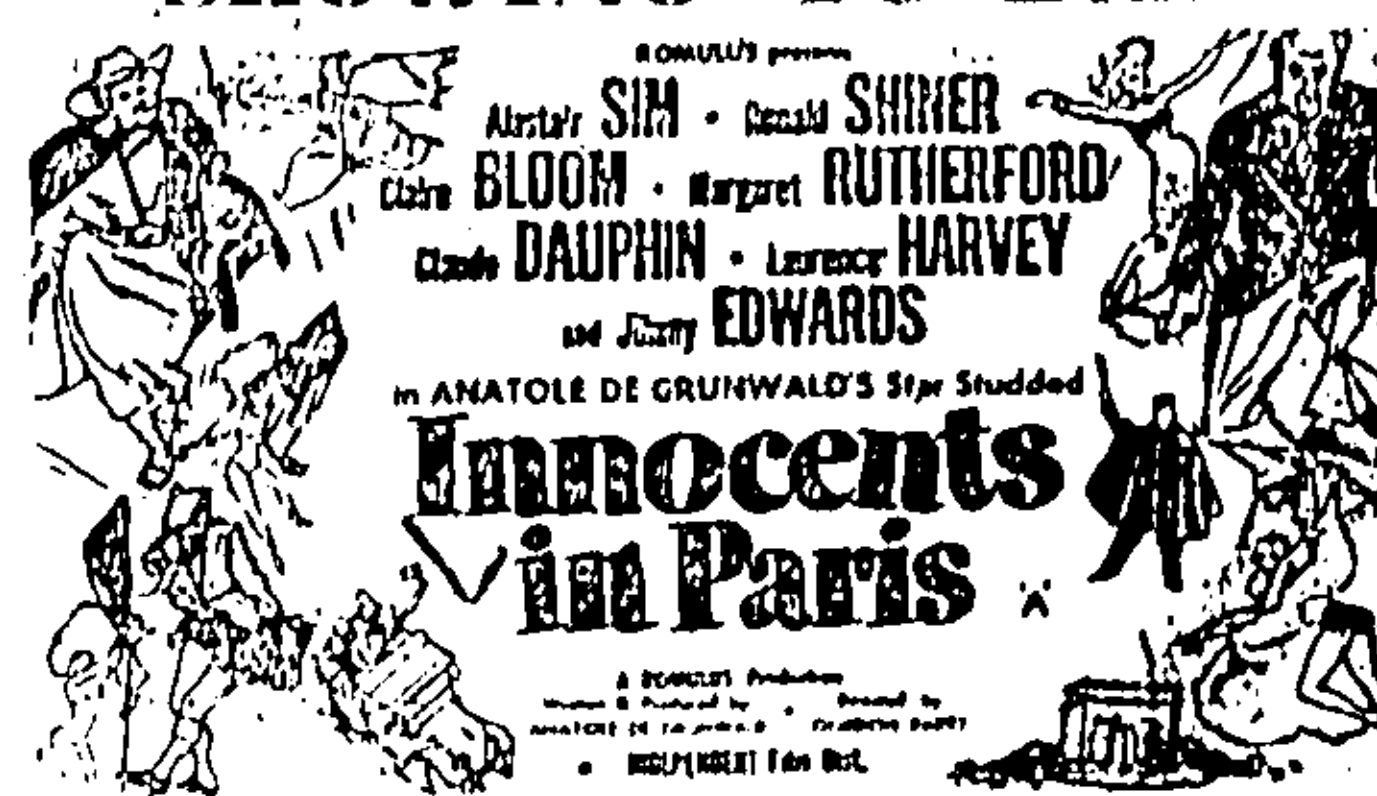
Winner June Allyson has held the No. 1 title "twice" before: in 1950 and 1951, and returned to the top this year for her work in "The Glenn Miller Story," "Executive Suite" and "Woman's World." She has been among the favoured dozen since 1947.

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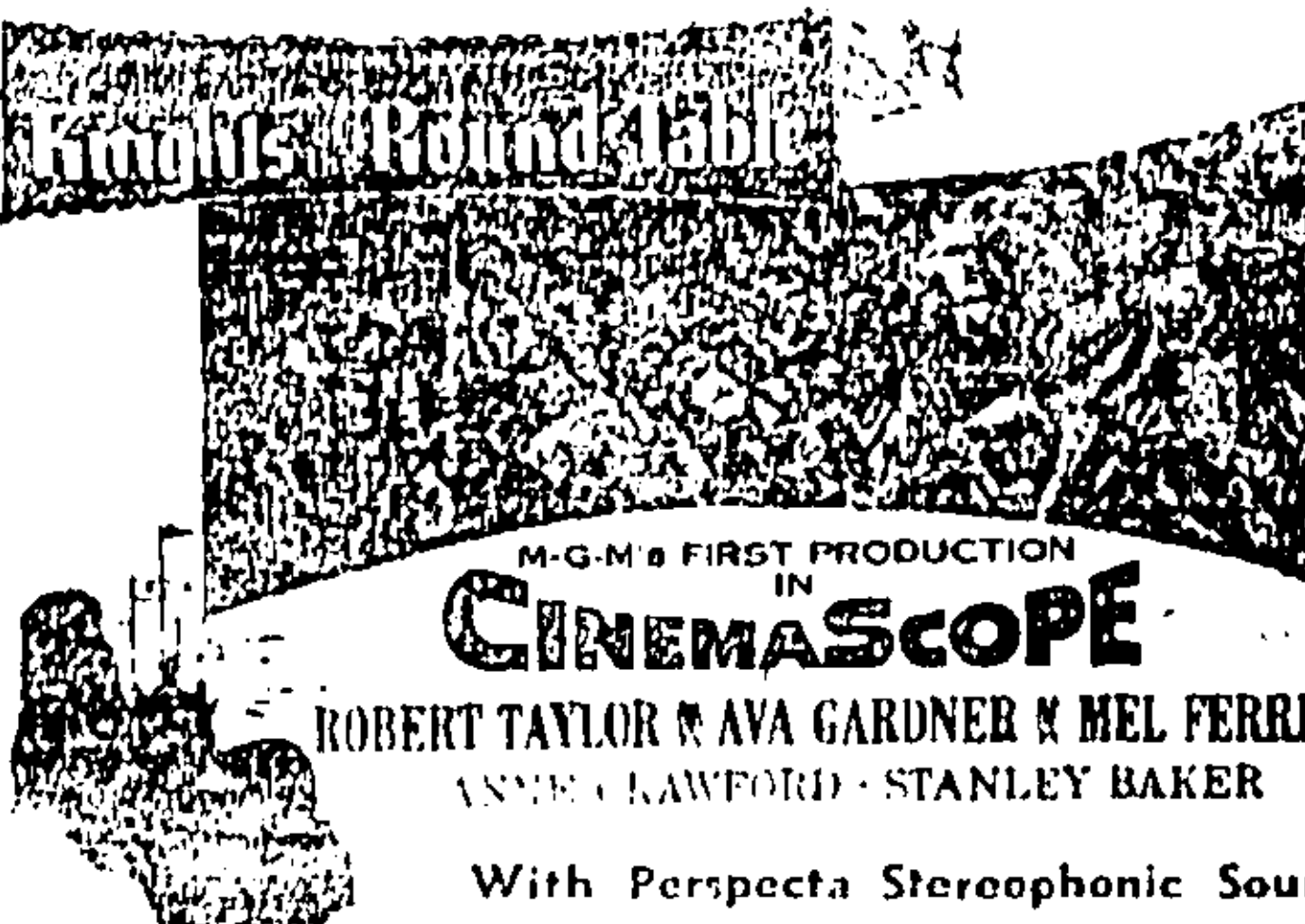


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CYPRUS QUESTION SHELVED

U.N. Majority Swings In Favour Of N.Z. Motion 'GRATIFYING RESULT'

United Nations, Dec. 15.

The United Nations Main Political Committee voted tonight to give no further consideration to the Cyprus question on the grounds that "for the time being" any decision on the issue would "not be appropriate."

With the overwhelming majority of the U.N. Committee swinging toward the move launched by New Zealand to postpone any further debate of the Cyprus matter, Greece at the last minute declared her support of the action provided the group adopted an amendment qualifying the time element of what amounts to a "sine die" postponement.

Greece's move in effect withdrew her original demand for U.N. recognition of the right of the people of Cyprus to decide their own political future. The Greek resolution had been doomed to defeat when the New Zealand postponement motion was introduced.

In the mood of harmony created by Greece's final gesture, the Committee voted 49-0 with 11 abstentions in favour of the amended New Zealand resolution as a whole. It first approved the preamble, which finds it not appropriate to adopt a resolution on Cyprus for the "time being" by 44 votes to none with 10 abstentions. The vote on the operative paragraph for no further consideration was also 49-0-11.

The resolution adopted reads: "The General Assembly,

THE RESOLUTION

"Considering that for the time being a resolution on the question of Cyprus would not be appropriate,

"Decides not to consider further the item entitled application under the auspices of the United Nations, of the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples in the case of the population of the island of Cyprus,"

Several delegates stressed that the inserted preamble with the phrase "time being" put a time element into the situation, making it possible for the question to be raised later should it be deemed that the time was then "appropriate."

On the other hand, other delegates took the view that the operative paragraph makes it clear that the U.N. would not "consider further" the question and that this was a sine die postponement.

The major effect of the resolution was that the Cyprus issue is closed and cannot be raised again next year.

The Greek Ambassador, Mr. Alexis Kyriou, final speaker of the session, declared his conviction that the resolution as adopted with the words "for the time being" in the preamble "made it absolutely clear... that the United Nations are open to any request and may I express my delight for having seen the distinguished delegates of the United Kingdom voting for this draft as it now stands."

"As it stands now, although under a rather dubious frame we have had an extensive debate and thus all delegations know a lot of arguments and

a lot of facts about the Cyprus issue and that this issue is now a closed issue, as some of my British colleagues like to think, but an international problem."

When Mr. Kyriou concluded the chairman, Senor Francisco Urrutia de Colombia, announced: "We have now heard 100 speakers on this matter—43 on procedural issues alone. There were 53 speakers yesterday and 47 today and, having rounded our century, I adjourn the meeting."

FRENCH CONCERN

Mr. Kyriou congratulated all members "on the course of the debate" but several delegates, especially M. Henri Hoppenot of France, expressed concern for the tone of the discussion.

M. Hoppenot said: "The debate has only confirmed the apprehensions stirred in many of us by the inclusion of this item. Despite the moderation of speakers for opposing parties, many words were spoken here which could only create passions outside, embittering passions or activities without result. Whatever was said to this debate... will only increase the problem."

"No positive contribution will have been made by this debate to the development of this problem, the existence of which is contended by no one but the solution of which can be sought only within the provisions of the Charter and existing treaties."

M. Hoppenot also raised the question of "whether this resolution as amended means a sine die postponement or the understanding that it may again be brought up at a later stage." He received no direct answer but said that since New Zealand and Britain accepted this amendment he would support the resolution as a whole.

The British Minister of State, Mr. Anthony Nutting, tonight made the following statement in regard to the U.N. vote on the Cyprus issue:

WISDOM

"I consider this a gratifying result. It shows that the Assembly in its wisdom, has accepted the argument put forward by the New Zealand, United Kingdom and United States delegations upon the undesirability of embarking on a contentious debate about Cyprus or of postponing upon the island's affairs in future."

"An added cause for satisfaction is that the Greek delegation, having sought to air this whole topic in a full-dress debate and to demand action by the Assembly, accepted that the weight of opinion was heavily against their taking this course. I consider the result to be a victory for common sense."



The magnificent scene in La Scala's Opera House, Milan, at the recent opening of the New Opera Season. — Express Photo.

Royal Yacht's Pilot Retires

London, Dec. 15.

Captain W. H. Humphreys, senior Trinity House Channel pilot on the Gravesend station, and the man who piloted the Royal Yacht Britannia from the Nore to Gravesend when the Queen made her return from her world tour in May, is retiring.

The honour of piloting the yacht was the crowning event in Captain Humphreys' 43 years as a licensed pilot. A. his home at Gravesend, he has a reminder of that day. It is a photograph of the Queen, Prince Philip and their children signed by the Queen and Prince.

GIFT FROM TITO

Last year Captain Humphreys was the Channel pilot who took President Tito's yacht, the Galib, down the Thames when the President returned home after his visit to this country.

Captain Humphreys was presented with a large photo-

graph of the President, which he signed for him. Son of a Trinity House pilot, Captain Humphreys began his career with eight years' service in a ship.

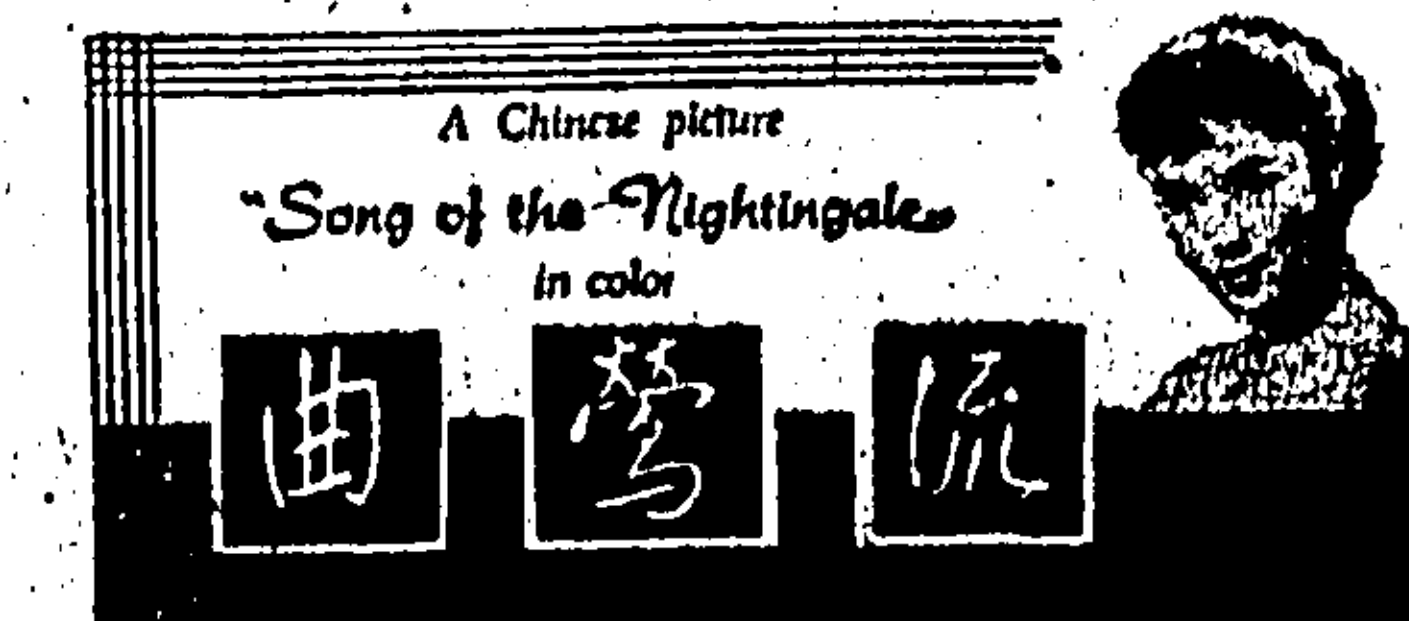
During the 1914-18 war he was pilot in an armed merchantman which was torpedoed. With a handful of men Captain Humphreys stayed on board and managed to bring the ship to port.

He also piloted the last ship out of Zeebrugge before it fell to the Germans.

Captain Humphreys is the last pilot to hold a "vice-voce" licence whereby he is entitled to pilot ships on outward and inward voyages on the Thames. — (London Express Service).

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CHINA COAST RAIDS

Russia Gives Up Moves To Condemn United States & Formosa

United Nations, Dec. 15.

Russia today gave up its attempt to have the United Nations condemn the United States and Nationalist China for seizure of Communist merchant ships in the China Seas.

The Soviet delegation told the General Assembly's Special Political Committee that it would not press for a vote on a Russian draft resolution that accused the Formosan authorities of "piratical raids" on merchant shipping. It also would have called upon the U.S. Government to stop such acts in the future.

The Committee, which has been debating the Soviet piracy charges for three days, voted instead in favour of a resolution sponsored by the United States, the Philippines and Cuba that would merely submit the issue to the International Law Commission for its consideration in connection with the general question of freedom of navigation.

Degenerative Diseases Due To Modern Life

Montreal, Dec. 16.

The so-called chronic degenerative diseases—such as hardening of the arteries, arthritis, and high blood pressure—may be due to the wear and tear of modern life, according to Dr. Hans Selye, of the University of Montreal.

Dr. Selye is world-renowned for his theory of stress, which holds that the body has one general defence mechanism which automatically mobilises against any physical or mental harm, whatever the cause. Anything which activates this mechanism can be called a "stressor." Dr. Selye believes.

In the current issue of the "Journal of Clinical Endocrinology" and "Metabolism," he describes animal experiments which may serve as a model of how "stress" has an exaggerated effect on the human body.

The studies indicate that a person under stress has a greater response to illness, making it possible for a disease to do more damage to the body. Thus, while a person may have only a simple common cold, under "stress" the cold can become severe enough to do permanent damage to the lungs.—Reuter.

The three-power resolution carried by a 55 to 0 vote. Only the five Soviet Bloc states voted against it and 15 other countries abstained from voting.

GIVE VIEWS

The resolution, which goes to the General Assembly for final approval, would turn over the record of the debate and a Syrian draft resolution on freedom of navigation to the Commission. It also would invite U.N. members to give the Commission their views on freedom of the seas.

The three-power resolution was voted a priority by the Committee. Thereafter, Syria said it would not press for a vote on its own proposal, which merely asked members to adhere to the principle of navigational freedom and to settle their maritime disputes peacefully.

The International Law Commission has been requested to

report on navigational and other matters to the General Assembly at the latter's 1955 session.

Dr. Julius Katz-Suchy of Poland told the Committee after the voting that his Government would not "yield to terrorism" but would reserve the right to demand reparation for damages resulting from past and future seizure of ships.

Earlier the Philippine delegate, Mr. Mauro Mendez, told the Committee he did not think that intricate problems of international law could be decided in a United Nations Committee.

"Just which is the high sea now?" he asked. "Just where are we going to establish the limits of the high seas? We haven't even settled the problem of the continental shelf. We haven't defined territorial waters."

Mr. Mendez pointed out that all of these matters were being studied by the International Law Commission.

The Israeli-Egyptian dispute over the freedom of navigation in the Suez Canal came up briefly in the Committee's discussion.

SUEZ CANAL

Mr. Mohammed Riad of Egypt said that his delegation would support the Syrian proposal if it came to a vote. He added that his Government had always supported the principles of freedom of navigation.

Replying to the reference to the Suez Canal by a Dutch delegate on Tuesday, Mr. Riad said it was "irrelevant" since the question being debated related only to navigation in the China Seas.

He declared that Egypt's policy on the Canal was in complete accord with the Constantinople Convention of 1888.

Mr. N. Van Duyl of the Netherlands said that his Government attached great importance to maintaining the principle of freedom of navigation whether in the China Seas, the Suez Canal or elsewhere.

Mr. Mordecai Kidron of Israel, replying to Mr. Riad's remarks, said he was pleased to hear that the Egyptian Government would respect the Suez Convention.

ARTICLES

He called the Egyptian delegate's attention to Articles 4, 10 and 11 of that Convention.

Mr. Kidron noted that the dispute over the passage of Israeli ships through the Suez Canal was before the Security Council.—United Press.

New Locomotives For Indian Railways

New Delhi, Dec. 16.

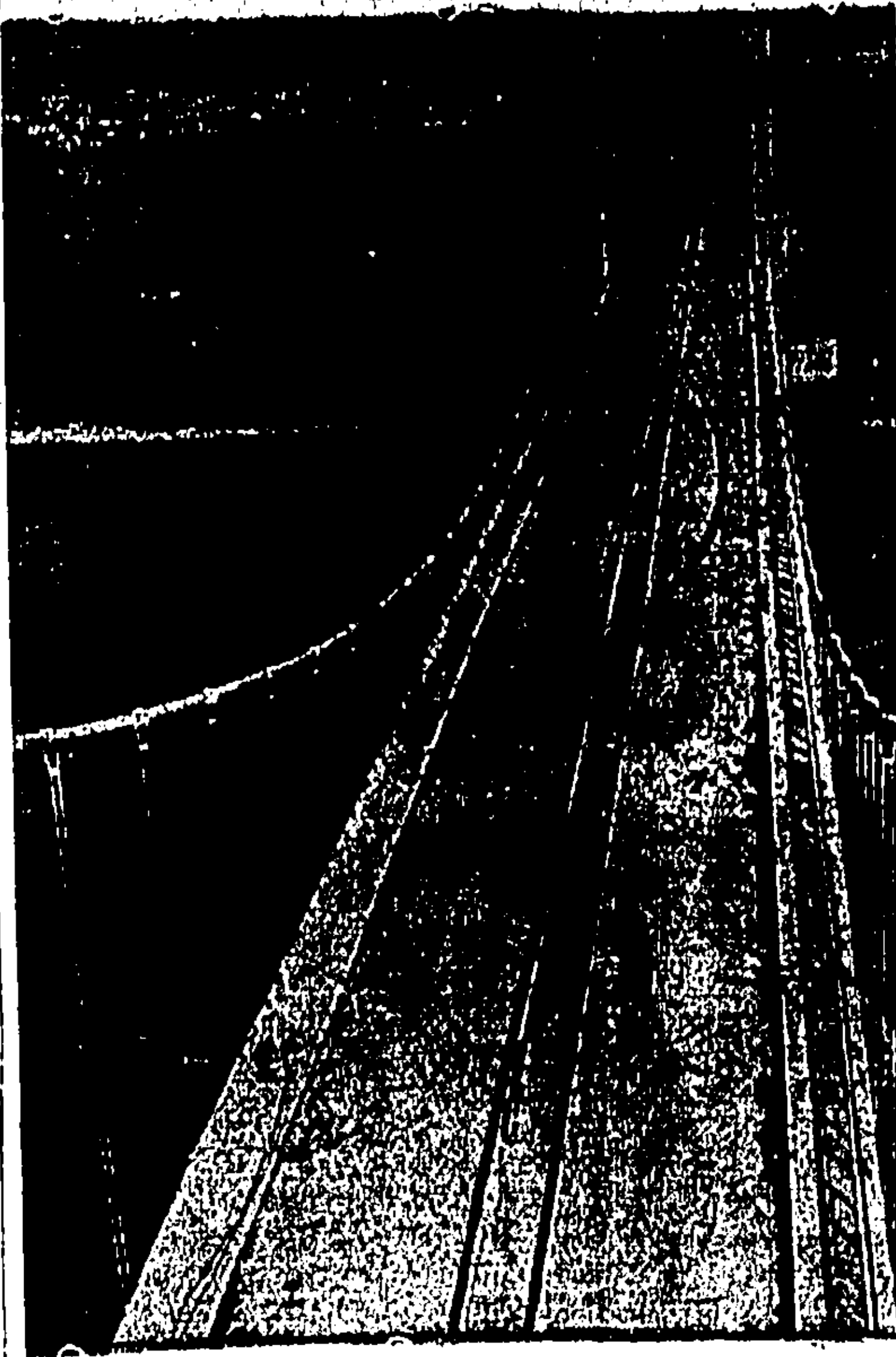
Six locomotives every five days—this is the average rate at which new locomotives will be delivered to the century-old Indian railways throughout the present financial year to help their programme of rehabilitation.

Till the end of August this year 134 locomotives had been delivered to the Indian Railways—of which 91 were manufactured in India and the rest came from Europe.

In addition to the locomotives which have been delivered this year, the Indian Railway Board has at present ordered 1,228 locomotives from India, Europe, Japan and America. More than half of this number is expected to be delivered in 1955-56.

The Indian Railways, stretching from Cape Comorin in the south to the borders of snow-bound Kashmir in the north, cover 24,000 miles. China, India Special.

Long Single Span Bridge



This impressive looking bridge with the longest single span in Europe is to be opened by Dr. Adenauer, the West German Chancellor. It has been constructed across the River Rhine and replaces one destroyed by bombing during the war.—Express Photo.

REDS' COLD WAR ON JAPAN

Tokyo, Dec. 16.

The Communist "peace offensive," intensified throughout Southeast Asia since the Geneva Conference, has developed into an all-out "cold war" on Japan.

First, there were a number of Japanese visits to Russia and China, and the visit of an official Chinese delegation to Japan, under Madame Li Teh-chuan, President of the Chinese Red Cross.

Wherever she went during her two weeks' stay here, Madame Li received rapturous welcomes. Her speeches of friendship were enthusiastically applauded. "Thousands praised her, and accepted as a favour the repatriation, after nine years of unexplained detention, of a few thousand of the many Japanese still unaccounted for in China."

A REMINDER

Some newspapers reminded their readers about the missing thousands, but the rest gave the Chinese party feature treatment.

Three separate parties of Japanese visited Peking and other parts of China; an all-party Parliamentary delegation, a cultural and scientific delegation, and a women's delegation. The groups contained every shade of opinion from extreme left to right. They all returned apparently hopeful of a big increase in Japan's trade with China.

Reaction here suggested that the exchange of visits had encouraged a desire in Japan to establish closer relations with China.

The Communists' reason for their present campaign was suggested by Mr. Shigeru Yoshida, when, as Prime Minister, he was in New York. He told the Japan Society there: "Only the blind will fail to see that the Communists regard Japan as the ultimate prize of their Pacific conquests."

After Japan's defeat in 1945, this country's relations with the United States were perhaps more intimate than those of any other country. During the Occupation, the United States governed, fed and protected the Japanese.

This United States responsibility survived in strong measure after the Occupation ended, nearly three years ago. Japan's relationship was almost

that of an adopted child, rescued from a life of delinquency. But now the adopted child is feeling that it is growing up and many indications of revived independence are appearing.

One of the first steps along the path of new independence seems to lead to the neighbour across the Yellow Sea.

One of the attractions of the Communist neighbour, evident in widespread Japanese reaction, is that he seems to be saying just what many Japanese are saying: "War is wrong." "Japan must never again have an army." The United States, on the other hand, is recommending Japan to build up her armed forces.

To many Japanese businessmen, the Communist neighbour has another and practical attraction: the possibility of trade. They show impatience with restrictions on trade with the Communist countries.

The United States, they argue, is too "tariff-minded." They complain, for example, about American legislation having the effect of banning sales of inflammable Japanese silk.

The Communists' campaign to woo Japan developed at a time when Mr. Yoshida's Government appeared beset by critics of both left and right, all declaring their intention of trying to defeat the Prime Minister.

YOSHIDA DENOUNCED. Conservatives joined Bo. ostable critics, before Mr. Yoshida left on his world tour, in denouncing him for accepting help from the United States and for allegedly accepting a position of dependence upon the United States.

When he returned, they joined again in criticism of what they described as his failure to secure sufficient aid.—Reuter.

Labour Protest Over Mau Mau Punishments

London, Dec. 15.

Labour members protested in the House of Commons today about punishments imposed on Africans held in Mau Mau detention camps in East Africa.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, had detailed the penalties which could be inflicted on detainees who refused to do work inside or outside the camps.

These included confinement on a reduced diet, deprivation of privileges and reprimands. Though a minor offence if it happened three times it rendered the detainee liable to corporal punishment.

Mr. Anthony Wedgwood Benn, a Labour member, demanded: "Are you serious in telling the House that these men held on suspicion and not yet tried are liable to flogging for refusing to do what amounts to forced labour?"

"NOT FLOGGING"

The Colonial Secretary replied: "It is not flogging" to be erected by opposition shouts of "what is it then?" He said: "It is not more than strokes."

Mr. Lennox-Boyd's further words were drowned in opposition uproar. But he managed to call out above the din "flogging conveys a totally different impression."

He added that no corporal punishment had yet been imposed on anyone, saying: "But in the view of the Kenya Government it is important to turn the detainees to useful

work and they must reserve the right to punish those who persistently refuse."

Mr. Wedgwood Benn said the reply was "unsatisfactory" and he would raise the matter again. Answering a question about the rehabilitation of Kikuyu women implicated in the Mau Mau movement, Mr. Lennox-Boyd said this was already in progress in the camp for women at Kamiti, where two missionaries were to be posted soon.

"Other measures planned include resettlement of released detainees with their families in guarded villages, the return of some families to employment on farms and the setting up of an experimental camp for girl supporters of Mau Mau."

"The women's clubs organised by the Ministry of Community Development are meeting with some success in drawing women away from Mau Mau."—Reuter.

Two Soldiers Drowned

Singapore, Dec. 15. Two soldiers, one British and one Malay, were drowned in the swirling waters of the Musang River, in southern Malaya, today, as the flood situation in that sector worsened.

The soldiers were caught by the tremendous flow of water rushing across the banks of the Musang.

At the same spot four Indians were caught in currents estimated as running at 15 knots and were swept away. However, all managed to grab branches of nearby trees and hang on until the rescuers got to them two hours later.—France-Press.

Flying Boat Bombers Experiment

Los Angeles, Dec. 15.

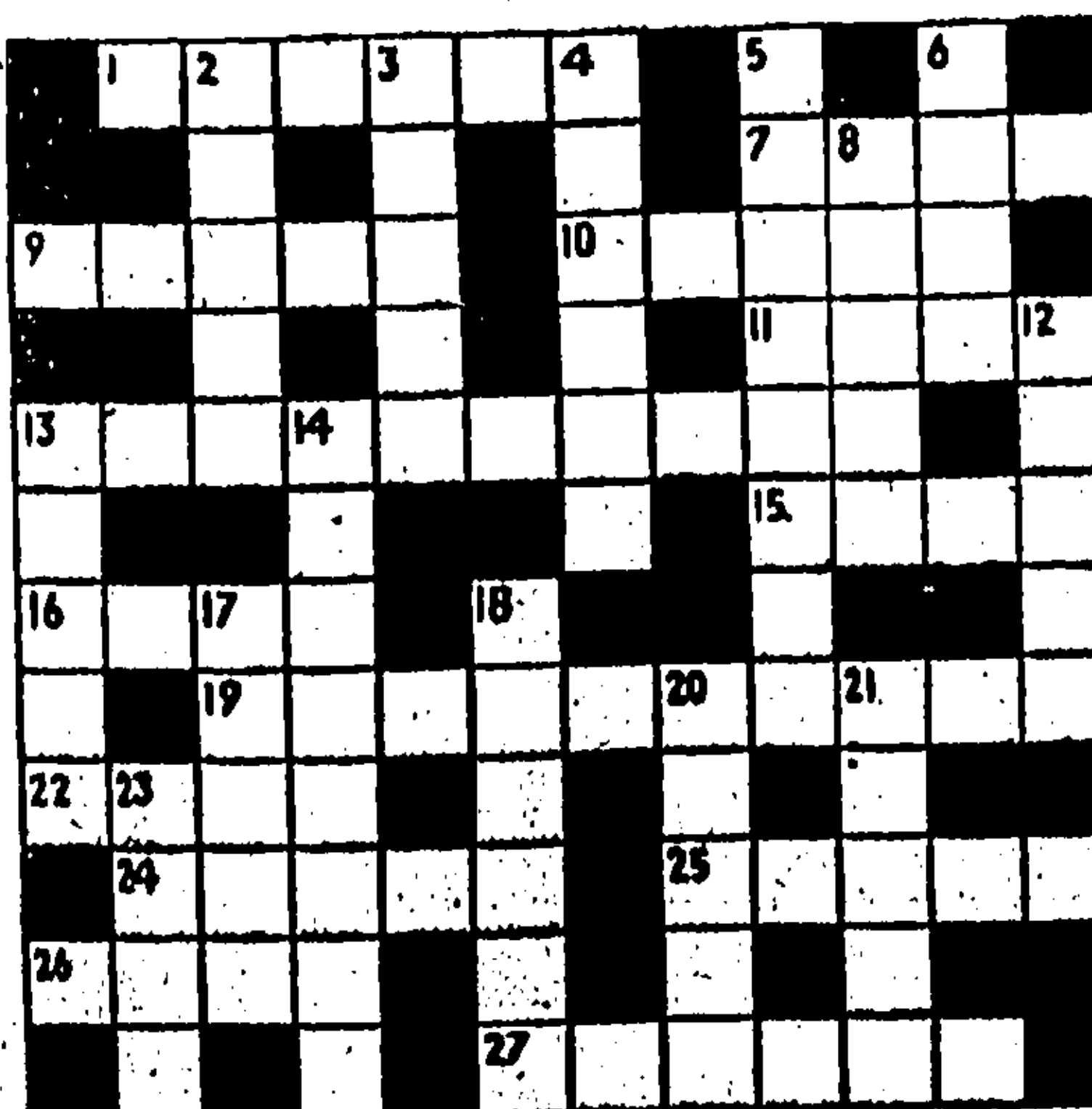
U.S. flying boat bombers now in the experimental stage could be built as big as the giant American B-52 bombers, the U.S. Navy Secretary, Mr. Charles Thomas, declared here today.

He told a Press conference that the oceans were the airfields for the flying boats and therefore the aircraft could be built as big as possible.

He revealed that the United States Navy now had 165 submarines against the Soviet Union's 400.

He listed the strength of the Soviet Navy as 85 cruisers, 123 destroyers, 3,500 aircraft but no aircraft carriers.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Obvious (6).
- 7 Chain of rocks (4).
- 8 Banister (5).
- 10 Conscious of (5).
- 11 Young horse (4).
- 12 Landed (10).
- 13 Departed (4).
- 15 Rotile (4).
- 16 Deep thought (10).
- 22 Falsely (4).
- 24 Representative (6).
- 25 Din (5).
- 26 Valley (4).
- 27 Tell (6).

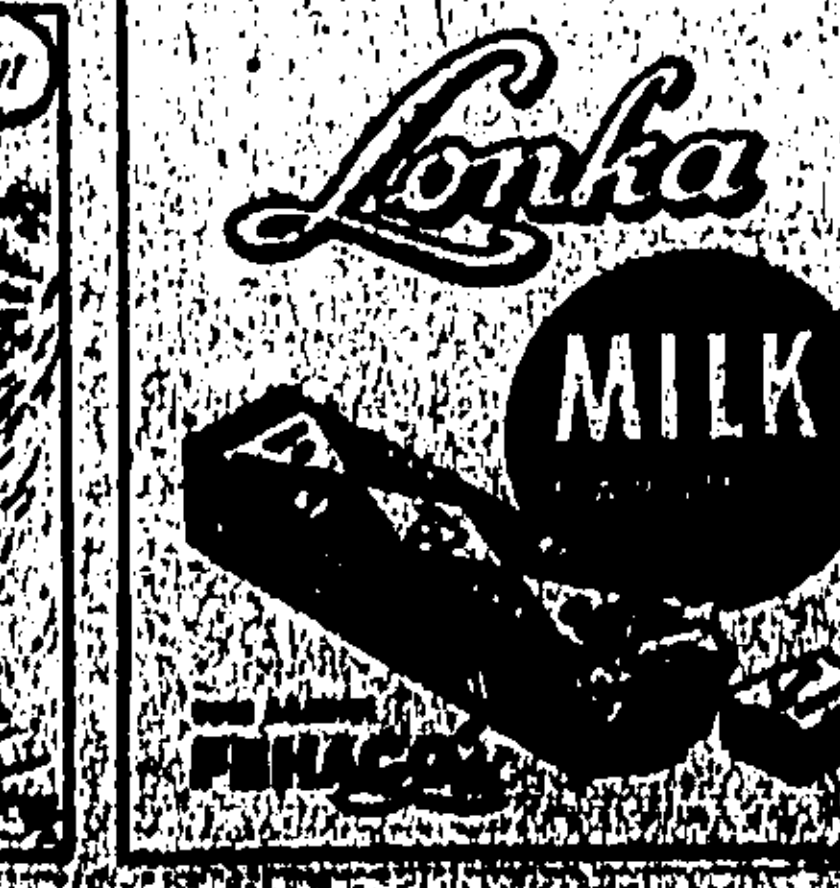
DOWN

- 2 Wrong (5).
- 3 Mistake (5).
- 4 State of coma (6).
- 5 Bangle (5).
- 6 Fare (4).
- 8 Wear away (5).
- 12 Giant (5).
- 13 Hazards (5).
- 14 Apartment house (8).
- 17 Counterpart (5).
- 18 Season (5).
- 20 Cabaret (5).
- 21 Fool (5).
- 23 Hearty (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Pastor, 4. Petty, 7. Chain, 8. Banister, 10. Falsely, 12. Landed, 13. Departed, 15. Rotile, 16. Deep thought, 22. Falsely, 24. Representative, 25. Din, 26. Valley, 27. Tell. Down: 2. Wrong, 3. Mistake, 4. State of coma, 5. Bangle, 6. Fare, 8. Wear away, 12. Giant, 13. Hazards, 14. Apartment house, 17. Counterpart, 18. Season, 20. Cabaret, 21. Fool, 23. Hearty.

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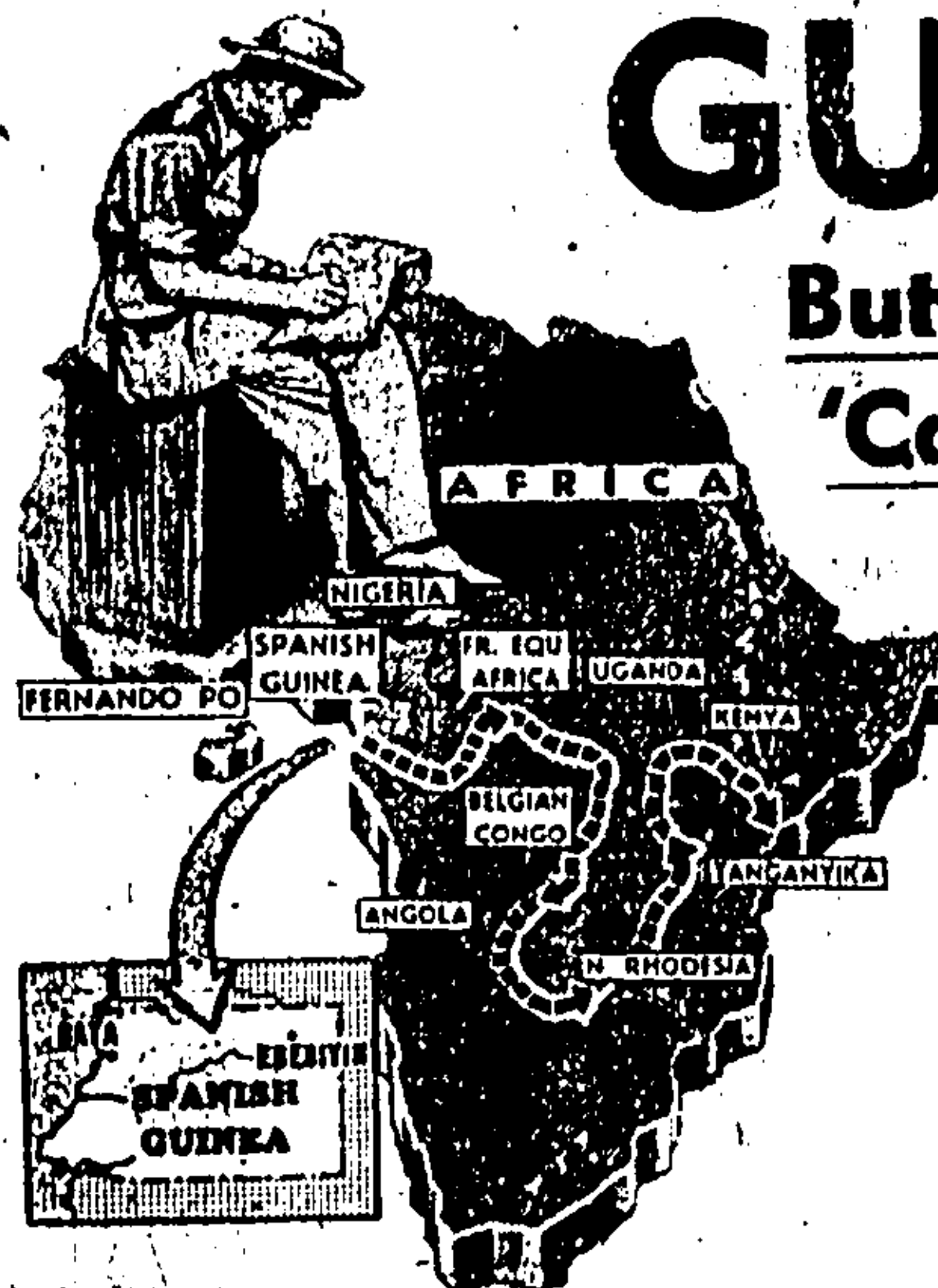
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"You realize that if they do ban private cars from cities the cops will have no one to hook except bus drivers and cabbies?" London Express Service

HAND OVER YOUR GUN!

Old Etonian **TOM STACEY**, 24-year-old explorer in Africa, has just been into Spanish Guinea from French Equatorial Africa—the first Briton to do so in living memory. As you read today of what he found there, he is already on his way further into the little-known territories—heading eastwards on the route marked on the map...



But that's where
'Capitan' made
his mistake

I WONDERED what it was the Spaniards had got to hide. They would not give me a visa to enter this Wales-sized colony called Spanish Guinea when I applied in London.

I now know why, because I write this at the end of a very disturbing little four-day study of Franco's baby colony.

Four days ago, when I turn up in a Land Rover with a couple of British-bred Africans at the only up-country frontier village, Ebebiyin (take it slowly and pronounce as 'epelled'), the Spanish authorities find themselves with an odd problem.

I am apparently the first Briton in living memory ever to try to get into Spanish Guinea this way—over the eastern border from French Equatorial Africa.

A red and white frontier barrier has been put up across the jungle car track leading from the nearest French grand village 18 miles off. Immediately I sense order and discipline about the village—compact, largely concrete-built, painted in clean red and white. There is an African guard in a sentry box. Sand-coloured shorts, shirt, and forage cap. Very smart and military. He is middle-aged, graying a bit, and he strikes me as having the cruellest face I have ever seen. He points his old-fashioned bayonet at the mudguard, and when the mudguard does not move he fetches a very small Spanish Army officer from the square-built barracks opposite.

The bar is removed, and I formally enter Spanish Guinea in bottom gear. I am conducted to a kind of all-purpose central office building, made of stone on piles and painted to resemble red bricks and mortar.

I shake hands with the Captain. He is born of the neighbourhood, a Spanish gentleman with a long nose, small mouth, short legs, and black hair. A dash of scent.

We talk through an interpreter with a pink eye-patch, who helps to fog it all a bit, and I am reluctantly given a three-day pass.

I am then ordered to the hotel. This is a big, dowdy bar with paraffin lamps and a spare room round the corner. It is run by a plump senora with purple lipstick, peardrop perfume, and a pallid baby.

My two African companions, meanwhile, have got themselves absorbed among a few emigrant ladies from British West Africa, in the African settlement down the road.

About 7 p.m. I am making friends with a few of the 20-odd Spanish civilians (mainly trading company representatives) when Patchy, the Clerk, slopes in to say the Captain wants to see me.

He hears I have a game rifle. He would like to look after it for me as long as I am around. Rifles are so insane, to have them about. Of course.

Have I got any other weapons? I say no, because it is only a silly little pistol, and

anyway my African boys have got it. But even as I say "No" the pistol is brought in by four African soldiers armed with rifles and 4ft. canes. It turned out to be a silly move, of the part of the Captain, because yesterday, when I came to leave, with my pass expired, I find the Captain absent with the key of the cupboard where he has put my gun. So I spend another day mopping up the facts of Spanish methods here.

Where was the Captain? Why, he was visiting the people I visited the day before, just to find out what I was up to. Bless him.

Working Hard

FACTS... Yes, it is now time for facts. I have worked hard these four days. With the information I have got I feel properly limbered up to enter the ring against this feather-weight colony.

ROUND ONE: The whole colony is policed and administered by the army (bar traffic police in Bata, the capital port, 150 miles off). Martial law, riddled with race restrictions, is the civil scene.

There is no court of law outside Bata. All offences earning six months or under are settled by the local Captain. No trial. No appeal. Whoever complains first invariably wins.

ROUND TWO: Prison life is not gay. Take Anastasio, locally-born African, one of my new friends. He is a small cacao (cocoa seed) trader, buying from African growers for Spanish merchants. He was short on one delivery. The Captain gave him four months in Ebebiyin Gaol. He has just come out.

Anastasio was beaten five strokes at 6 p.m. daily throughout the sentence. As a prisoner, all food was supplied by his family. No prison clothes, in spite of daily 10-hour shifts of stone-splitting for roads.

These are prison rules. Old prisoners with no family are fed according to the pity of the others. Unruly prisoners are beaten.

ROUND THREE: Ebebiyin hospital serves a 50-mile radius. Patients are given no bedding, bed-wear, food, or washing facilities. I saw it. There were only nine patients. These miserable sick lay in their everyday clothes on the metal bed-springs or on newspapers covering them.

All food has to be supplied ready cooked by families.

ROUND FOUR: This is the last round I am going to fight. At the end I am going to hand my gloves over to the British Government. British citizens are concerned.

Before 1939 the Nigerian Government began a scheme of lending Nigerian boys to Spanish Guinea and neighbouring Spanish islands, Fernando Po, to work as labourers. The Spaniards could not find intelligent labour in their backward territories.

So across came British boys with juicy two-and-a-half-year contracts promising good pay, good conditions, free quarters, soap, and paraffin for lamps.

Soon the scheme broke down because of the cruelty of the Spanish bosses with slave-trade mentality. So a British vice-consul was put in at Santa Isabel, capital of Fernando Po, and the scheme was restarted in 1946 with the Spaniards promising to be good and the vice-consul keeping an eye on things.

But went the propaganda into overcrowded Nigeria. Across came the British boys again. Yes, they saved money, and came back looking strong; and that is the way the scheme goes to this day.

Hateful Spot

PUT wherever they can the Spaniards resort to their former ways. I found British boys, whose contracts were ignored, being beaten around the place on Spanish instructions by African headmen. They were being thrown into goat-wire without trial, and having a whole month's pay cut off after two days' absence owing to illness.

I am personally sending a report of what I have learned to the Nigerian Government. Yes, this is a singularly hateful spot. Now I must get back to Ebebiyin before I get these poor villagers I have been talking to into trouble. It will be fun to see what the Captain has found out about me.

Before I drove out from Ebebiyin I dropped in to say goodbye to the hotel senora and her baby. In my ears was the sound of the African school children's eager voices singing the Spanish national anthem.

That baby... those children... I always find myself wondering what is going to happen to the children, when they grow up.

DON IDDON'S DIARY BOOM BALLOON GOES UP, UP

New York, Tuesday. THERE has never been anything like this any time, anywhere. I am writing about the American stock market and I am writing with restraint.

All old records have been shattered and the 1929 prices begin to look like hillocks.

In Wall Street brokers tell me: "We are now in uncharted territory, in never before explored high ground—this is the biggest stock boom ever."

But American men and women (the women, sensing sensational profits, are in the financial centre too) are not acting like explorers in hitherto undiscovered land. They're pressing forward at a tremendous pace, planting flags on new financial Everests.

Money men

I LUNCHEONED in Wall Street this week with a group of the money men and only two said the ascent could not continue indefinitely.

When I recalled the crash of 25 years ago our host, who has made \$2,000,000 in the past six months, said: "There's no comparison. Then there was wild and crazy speculation with people buying on tiny margins. Now, although there is speculation, it is sound—and, remember, the stock buyer must put down 50 percent of the price to buy listed stock. And not every stock is up—some are acting conservatively, but this boom is crash-proof."

Very few people in Wall Street are looking apprehensively at the sky from which millions and millions are coming tumbling down a quarter of a century ago. The balloon goes up and up.

I left my lunch with a bundle of coloured papers—pink, yellow, blue, red—splashed with exclamation marks, giving forecasts, spotting trends, making predictions. I glanced through them in the taxi on the way to my office. They said:

"This alone may be worth a fortune to you—choice, exclusive, selections, money-making, money-saving, magnificent opportunities, a new age, how to go after a radio-active bonanza seldom if ever before, such opportunity, don't delay one minute, the opportunity of a lifetime, act now!"

A slight lag

THIS extravagant prose was now written by Upsters, but put out by reputable stock houses. I should have had more faith in the glowing predictions if they had been printed in sober black ink.

type on thick white parchment, but Wall Street is "Rainbow Land" just now.

Business, while good and getting better, as the Christmas rush begins, is not keeping up with the soaring stocks, but that is being explained away as irrelevant. Mentioning it is running the risk of being called a gloom-monger.

Mr. Adlai Stevenson is accused of lack of patriotism and of being a poor American because he unloaded his stocks a year ago when the market was wobbling. If you want to be considered a 100 percent red-blooded all-American, then you must buy.

Obviously, millions of people want to be considered good citizens because they have started their Christmas shopping.

Pleased them

THE Prime Minister's disclosure that in 1945 he sent Field-Marshal Montgomery an order to attack German arms for possible use against the Russians has made him, if anything, more popular here.

Even Senator McCarthy and Senator Knowland are not criticising Churchill.

Mr. Knowland and something called "Knowlandism" are beginning to overshadow McCarthy and McCarthyism.

Knowlandism embraces an extreme policy of intervention on a world-wide scale, drastic and immediate action against the Communists, a readiness "to go it alone," the breaking of diplomatic relations with Russia, and a warning to the Soviet that any further expansion means American counter-attack.

Quite a programme, but, curiously, it cannot be written off as concocted only by fanatics. Knowland himself is obviously sincere even if wrong-headed. His position as Senate Majority Leader (he holds that title until the new Congress meets) gives his words weight.

A coldness

KNOWLAND'S speeches and articles are embarrassing to the President. There is now a noticeable coldness between the two men and Knowland is not being asked to Eisenhower's famous "stag" dinners.

These dinners are becoming more frequent as the President's rally support for his moderate peace-maintaining policies.

Eisenhower's invitations are almost humble. They read: "I wonder if it would be convenient for you to come to an informal stag dinner. I suggest we meet at the White House about half-past seven, and devote the evening to a general chat. While I am hopeful you can attend, I realize you already may have engagements which would interfere. If so, I assure you of my complete understanding. I shall probably wear a dinner coat, but a business suit will be entirely appropriate. With warm personal regards." — Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Sim's success

THE early Christmas shopping and cinema box-offices, although the queues outside Radio City music-hall have been big.

Alastair Sim's following here is becoming almost as big as that of Alec Guinness. Sim is a bit of a "Pygmalion" and the old-Friday play "An Inspector Calls" which has just opened here.

Dolores Gray, the American who became a big name in London, is returning to Broadway in a play called "The World is My Oyster" for the Lyric Theatre.

But the unemployment situation among diplomats would probably prove a general topic.

POP GOES THE ILLUSION

By LES ARMOUR

ANOTHER Great Illusion has been shattered.

We used to think that when the Foreign Secretary of Smaller, Lessplendid stood up at an international conference, his fellow diplomats—at least those from the civilised world—listened intently to his every word.

And should he prove to have said the thing which, in the eyes of his audience, was the most important, they would applaud him and set about putting the ideas into practice.

But now that is all over.

What happens is that he is asked to see whether or not he has any nuclear weapons in the back pocket. If it turns out that he has not, his fellow diplomats go on with their readings from the Love, Condemnation or Proceeds to work out. The Times crossword.

Our informant is Mr. Anthony Head, Britain's Secretary of State for War.

We have received the stage reports Mr. Head, where the Foreign Secretary who attends an international conference and is asked to see whether or not he has any nuclear weapons in the back pocket.

there who are in that enviable position.

This is diplomatic double-talk for "he who comes non-falsis in a faxie."

But Mr. Head does not go far enough.

It follows logically from his pronouncement that there is no longer much point in holding international conferences at all.

sary—if Mr. Head be right—to go into long legal disputes about old-fashioned things like who is right.

All the Court need do is count the number of A-bombs in the respective stockpiles. The result then becomes the statistical definition of legal right.

It will never work, of course.

It is all very well for Mr. Head who, being Secretary of State for War, need have no truck with diplomatic nonsense.

But the unemployment situation among diplomats would probably prove a general topic.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Study Foe's Habits And Win Games

By OSWALD JACOBY

ONE of the most entertaining hands I have seen in years was played in the recent national championships in Washington by Sam Fry, Jr., who has been one of America's great players for many years. Sam brought home an "impossible" slam largely because he knew that he was playing against a fallible human being.

Don't let the bidding disturb you. Fry and his partner were using two clubs as their only forcing opening bid. Perhaps North was a trifle too ambitious, but he can be forgiven in view of the result.

West didn't know whether to lead a diamond or a spade, but he tossed the mental coin and opened the deuce of diamonds. This was good luck for Sam Fry, the declarer, since a spade lead would have settled his hash immediately.

About two seconds after the dummy had appeared, Sam made his brilliant play. It'll take us a little longer.

The slam was pretty cold if East had the king of hearts, for South would finesse for it and could afford to lose one spade

NORTH 27			
♥ K 7 3	♦ 10 7 4	♣ 9 5 4	♠ J 7 5 4
WEST			
♥ J 5 4	♦ A 10 8 6 2	♣ K 8	♠ 10 7 4
♥ K 8	♦ J 7 3 2	♣ K 10 8 6	♠ 9 8 3
EAST			
♥ A Q J 9 8 3	♦ A	♣ A K Q 10 2	♠ 6
SOUTH (D)			
♥ A	♦ A	♣ A	♠ A
Both sides vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	6♠	Pass
Opening lead—♦ 2			

trick. The slam seemed doomed if West had the king of hearts (which was the case), for West would take the king of hearts and lead a spade to set the contract.

Can declarer do anything to improve his chances even if West has the king of hearts? Sam Fry found such a play, by putting up the queen of diamonds from the dummy at the first trick.

It's very unnatural, to be sure, to play the queen from dummy when you know that you're going to have to play your own singleton ace on the trick. As it happened, however, there was no way for East to be sure that South had the blank ace.

He covered the queen of diamonds with his king, and now the play of the ace of diamonds was not a giveaway.

Sam next led the ten of clubs to dummy's jack and immediately tried the heart finesse, giving East no chance to signal with a high spade on a second or third round of trumps. West won with the king of hearts, and had to make the crucial play.

Naturally West tried to cash the jack of diamonds, expecting South to have at least one small diamond in his hand. Much to West's surprise, South ruffed, drew two rounds of trumps, and ran all of the hearts, discarding dummy's in the process. The rest was easy.

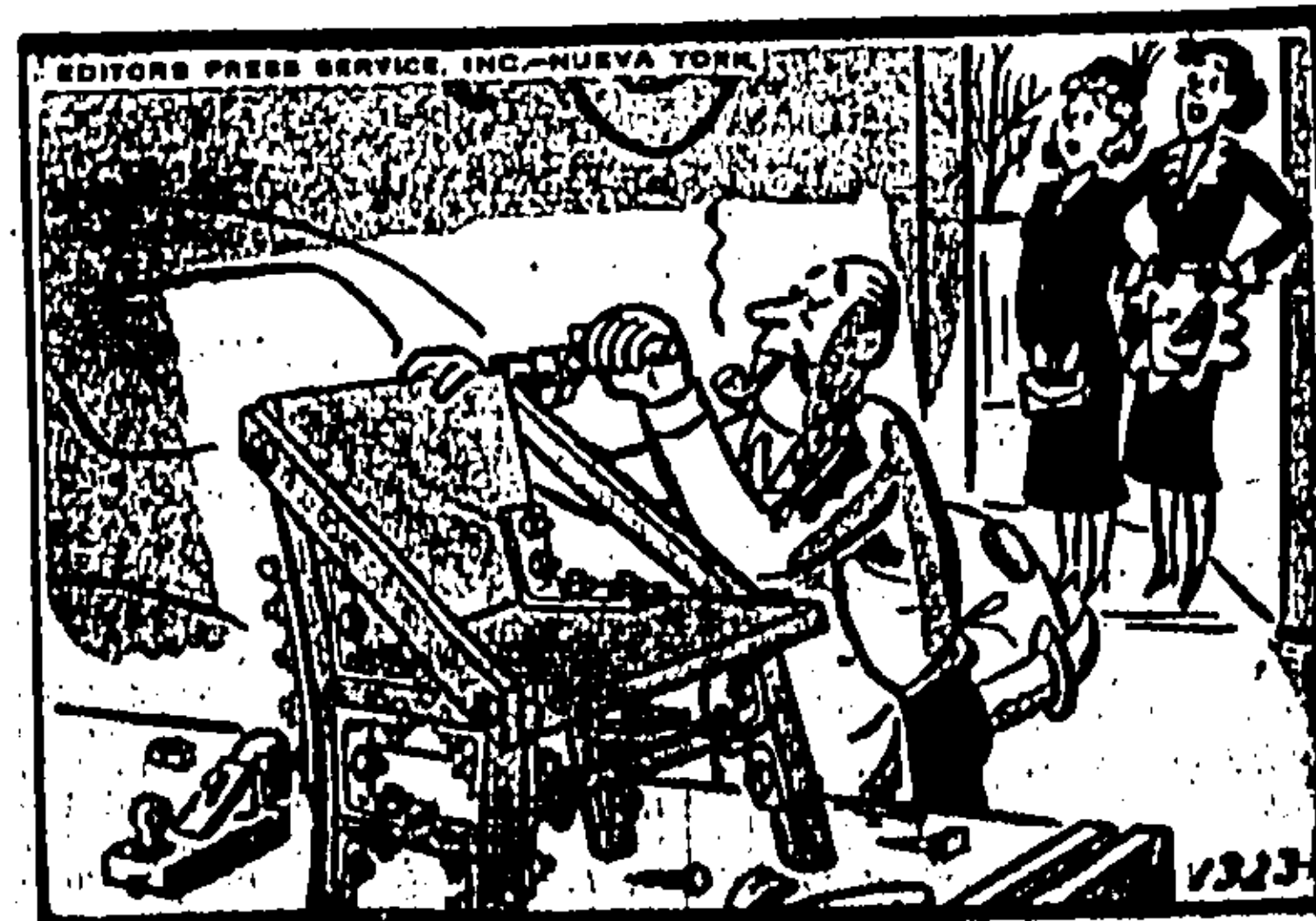
CARD Sense

TODAY'S QUESTION

With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been:
North: 1♠, 2♣, 3♦, 4♥, 5♠, 6♠, 7♠, 8♠, 9♠, 10♠, 11♠, 12♠, 13♠, 14♠, 15♠, 16♠, 17♠, 18♠, 19♠, 20♠, 21♠, 22♠, 23♠, 24♠, 25♠, 26♠, 27♠, 28♠, 29♠, 30♠, 31♠, 32♠, 33♠, 34♠, 35♠, 36♠, 37♠, 38♠, 39♠, 40♠, 41♠, 42♠, 43♠, 44♠, 45♠, 46♠, 47♠, 48♠, 49♠, 50♠, 51♠, 52♠, 53♠, 54♠, 55♠, 56♠, 57♠, 58♠, 59♠, 60♠, 61♠, 62♠, 63♠, 64♠, 65♠, 66♠, 67♠, 68♠, 69♠, 70♠, 71♠, 72♠, 73♠, 74♠, 75♠, 76♠, 77♠, 78♠, 79♠, 80♠, 81♠, 82♠, 83♠, 84♠, 85♠, 86♠, 87♠, 88♠, 89♠, 90♠, 91♠, 92♠, 93♠, 94♠, 95♠, 96♠, 97♠, 98♠, 99♠, 100♠.

You, South, hold: Spades 6-3-2, Hearts Q-10-5, Diamonds 7-3-2, Clubs 9-5-3-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow



"One thing about the furniture that Jeff makes—it's sturdy!"

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

BORN today, you have a brilliant development your "star-given" talent which should place you in the front ranks of your profession at an early age. Your ambitions are high and your impatience to reach the "top" may tempt you to "play to the gallery" of popular approval, rather than waiting for the fullness of your talent to mature. Your originality will exhibit itself in everything you do. Your sense of humour can sometimes be biting satire—or mere buffoonery!

Although you are so critical of others, you cannot endure being criticised, yourself! You are so sure that you are right, that you find it difficult to wait for a testing period. You want to be accepted, right away. You are so self-reliant that you also find it hard to co-operate with others in a venture. As long as everyone sees it your way,

all goes well. You must always be the boss of the group. Fond of travel, you will probably visit most of the countries in the world during your lifetime. You are exorbitantly fond of beauty in all its forms and cannot be happy under conditions of ugliness or disunity. Unless you find someone who is absolutely attuned to your own conceptions of life, life is a waste. Your intimate friends are few, but your loyalties are intense.

Among those who were born on this date are: George Sanjaya, philosopher; Abbott Lawrence, scientist; George Whitfield, evangelist; Jane Austen, novelist; John F. Gripe, noted jurist; Allan Russell, actress; and Noel Coward.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

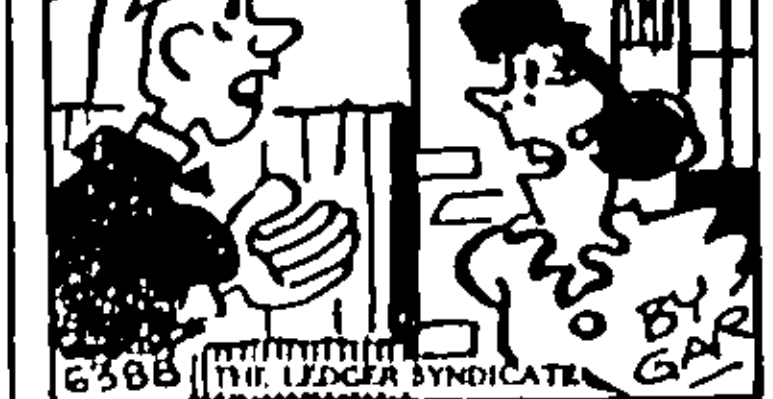
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 22)—Now you can forge ahead and make progress with that idea you've been holding back on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—Get going on an important job and you can finish it successfully before the day is over.

DUMB-BELLS

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BY THE WAY... by Beachcomber

HERE is something to encourage us all to work harder. A Rumanian lathe operator "is 40 years ahead of his work quota," and is already starting production for the year 2000. The report does not say what his mates think of this conscientiousness, but surely the manager of his factory will let him slip out for an hour or two in, say, 1959, even if only to encourage his colleagues.

Interim survey

EVERY day now some transport spokesman says: "If this goes on, the traffic in the streets of our cities will soon be completely immobilised." Already the statisticians are computing lost work-hours and play-hours and man, woman and child-hours. A London of immobilised traffic would cost the country £7589473217 a week, or words to that effect. But the 500000 new cars placed on the roads every month are a convincing sign of great prosperity, which is why penal taxation must not be interfered with. As long as everything is booming on the Stock Exchange and the cost of living continues to rise so rapidly that we can afford to import coal and frozen food, the overall economic situation may be said to be improving, especially as regards the big banks.

Say Snibbolac

"YOU just can't tell it from film-star Trivia Tansy, after taking one sip of the new liqueur, Snibbolac. Snibbolac is a sparkling, non-alcoholic drink made from the choicest English chemicals at the Snibbo laboratories. No wonder the wine waiter in our photograph is beaming. He likes a sophisticated customer who knows how to order, and Trivia will tell all her friends about this British liqueur, which is becoming so popular among the younger set. (Advt.)

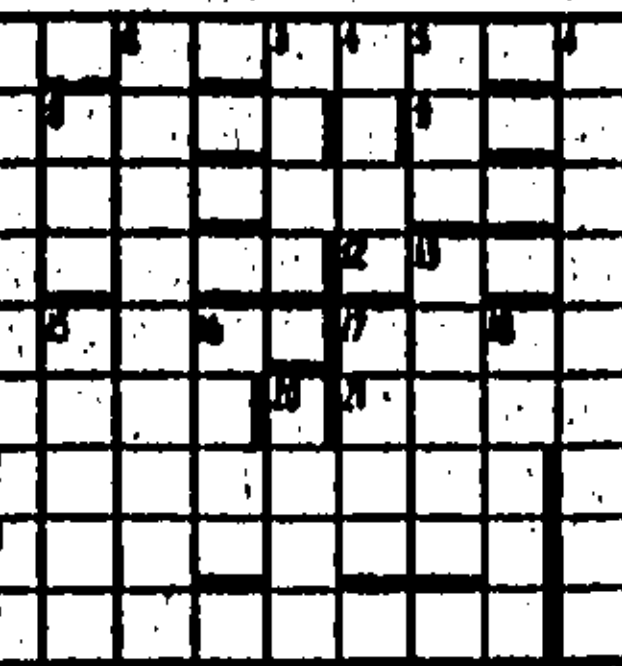
One glass of SNIBBOLAC contains more HYDROLIN than a magnum of Champagne

In passing

A FRENCH zoologist believes that it is possible for a man to live in an enclosed space for weeks with a python or two,

and he is going to put his theory to the test by sharing his cage with them. One man's meat is another man's python. If he succeeds in his attempt, what then? Are there many people with the inclination or the leisure to spend weeks in a cage with pythons? The boredom of a wet day in such company would be indescribable.

CROSSWORD



Across

- Omar gilds each petal of these. (6)
- Employ after the morning. (9)
- The bird from femur. (8)
- They should tell a good story. (9)
- A good one saves time after a shampoo. (5)
- This kind of talk can be boring to non-shoppers. (5)
- Let all my eye! (5)
- Heart of gold. (4)
- King of Shakespeare. (4)
- Shut their eyes. (5)
- This often provides a burning question for the car-owner. (8)
- This kind of value is not always appreciated. (5)
- Boxers do, canmen go for them. (5)

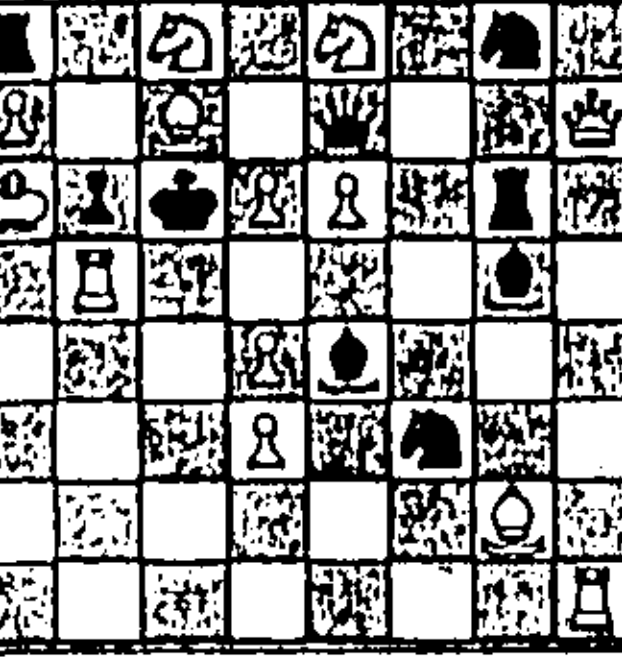
Down

- Salmon din (anag.). (9)
- Here's a place where you can use your imagination. (9)
- Change is as you drive in. (4)
- For a moment. (4)
- Slam of an olograph. (8)
- Hung up, maybe, awaiting the start of the flower. (8)
- The start of the flower. (8)
- Over. (8)
- You do this to a victory. (8)
- It's found. (8)
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- Street of might. (4)
- One goes into a condensed. (8)
- Oil's service. (5)
- Big. (5)
- It's found. (8)

CHESS PROBLEM

By W. MAX

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White, 13 pieces.

White to play; mate in two.

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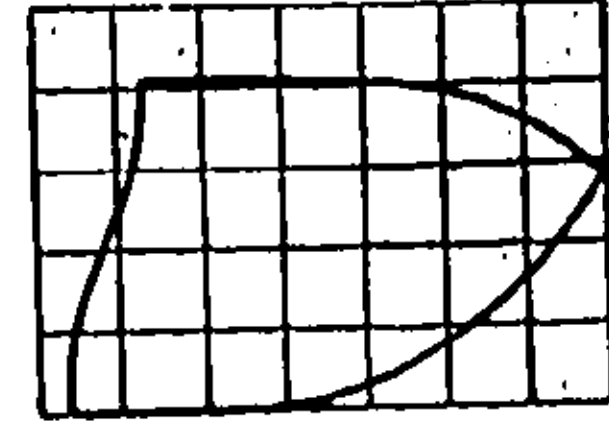
1. Kt-K3. 1... K-K2; 2. R-B8; 1... K-Q1; 2. K-Q5.

WOMANSENSE

This Is Just The Thing For HIM

By SHIRLEY LOWE

IF you're looking for a ber sole, plus 1/2 in. all last-minute Christmas presents for the man who doesn't smoke, doesn't drink, and is stocked high with ties and socks in every conceivable design and colour, try making him a pair of towelling bathroom slippers. You'll just have time. You will need one-third of a yard of towelling, 36 in. wide, a pair of men's rubber soles, and a button. Cut out the pattern from the diagram (a square equals one inch).



Follow this diagram...

Cut eight pieces by the pattern from the towelling to make the cuff, and four pieces, the size of the rubber sole, plus 1/2 in. all last-minute Christmas presents for the man who doesn't smoke, doesn't drink, and is stocked high with ties and socks in every conceivable design and colour, try making him a pair of towelling bathroom slippers. You'll just have time. You will need one-third of a yard of towelling, 36 in. wide, a pair of men's rubber soles, and a button. Cut out the pattern from the diagram (a square equals one inch).

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Trip to Buy Groceries

—Everybody Asks Knarf to do an Errand—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, was walking down the street. As he walked he sang at the top of his voice:

"It's half past three
And a quarter to four,
I'm on my way to the grocery store!"

Just as he reached the maple tree in the middle of the block, still singing at the top of his voice, a Cricket stepped out from behind the trunk of the tree and said: "Pardon me."

Doing A Favour

"Hello, Cricket," said Knarf. "Are you really going to the grocery store?" asked the Cricket.

"Oh, yes," said Knarf. "I'm going to buy a dozen eggs and a quart of milk and a stick of chewing gum."

"I'd like you to buy me something," said the Cricket, "if you don't mind."

"I don't mind at all," said Knarf. "What do you want me to buy for you at the grocery store?"

"I want you to buy me a walnut and half a turnip."

"I'll be glad to buy a walnut and half a turnip for you, Cricket. But that will cost something."

"I know it will," said Cricket. "Here's a drop of honey and please bring back the change."

Then Knarf walked on.

"It's half past three
And a quarter to four,
I'm on my way to the grocery store."

Knarf sang again as he walked along.

Obliging A Spider

As he passed the wooden fence in front of Mr. Boston's house, a Spider said: "I beg your pardon, young man."

"Oh, good morning, Mrs. Spider," said Knarf.

"If you're really on your way to the grocery store," said the Spider, "I'd be obliged if you'd buy me a thing or two."

"I don't mind at all," said Knarf. "What do you want me to buy for you?"

KOBLET'S WEDDING

FIRST FLOODLIT MATCH
AT CAROLINE HILL

Grand Display Of Clean-On-The-Ground Football

By I. M. MacTAVISH

This match was staged to mark the inauguration of the new flood-lighting system at Caroline Hill last night and, before a gathering of distinguished guests and a big crowd, the Army turned in a magnificent display of fast, accurate football to leave their hosts-of-the-night trailing far behind.

Immediately after the game was over Mr Jack Skinner, former Chairman of the Hongkong Football Association, remarked that it had been one of the best displays of clean on-the-ground football that he had had the pleasure of watching in a long time.

The ceremony of switching on the new lighting system was performed by the Hon. Kwok Chan, and the ceremony of kicking off was performed with equal dignity and success by Mr Jack Skinner.

The lights were impressive in some minor adjustments were necessary to ensure that they could be used to the best advantage. There is no doubt that the system is practical but several of the players stated that they lost sight of the ball in the glare of the light beams while the present setting of the end lights tends to blind the goal-keeper when he is watching a cross ball that comes from near the corner flag.

I am sure that many of these points have been noted by the South China officials who will be congratulated on this contribution to the football community. The game the Army took part in was an all-white outfit from the word "Go" settled down to play some delightful football. The main out-

possession was quick to move into position, and some of the inter-passing left the South China boys chasing the same sort of shadows they have so often created for their opponents.

In spite of this it was the home side that came nearest to opening the scoring when only a flying dive by goalkeeper Lewis stopped Mok Chun-wah from putting his side ahead.

At the other end Pau King-yin was soon in trouble. First he had to punch away a swinging cross as Morris threw himself through the air in an effort to get his head to it. Then a flashing drive from Middleton scraped past the post with the South China keeping breathing space of relief and a few minutes later Pau brought cheers from the crowd with a brilliant tip-over from a fast header by Walmsey.

But the Army pressure was bound to tell and the inevitable goal came when Riley jumped high above everyone to get his head to an angular cross from Higgins and put his side into the lead.

The Army continued to hold the advantage in the second half and with 52 minutes gone another Higgins lob was headed on by Morris and into the net by Riley.

South China now threw everything into an effort to save the game but they found giant goalkeeper Lewis in "they-shall-not-pass" form. Back came the soldiers and quickly increased their lead. Middleton split the home defence wide open with a deft pass to Walmsey. The winger lobbed it accurately on to Morris' head and in a flash he was tucked away behind Pau King-yin.

BEST GOAL. South China were now right back on their heels and their middle line was finding it very difficult to cope with the fast moving Army front rank. This was obvious when Riley pushed the score up to four with the best goal of the evening.

Receiving the ball in his own half of the field he carried it forward, feinting this way and that. The South China players retreated in front of him to cut out the pass that never came, for the big inside-left ran right through the defence to leave Pau King-yin helpless with a great shot into the far corner of the net.

In a South China side that was played right out of the game by the strength and speed of the Army middle line only Pau King-yin, Lok Tak-hay, Ko Po-keung and Lee Yuk-tai played to normal form.

Yiu Cheuk-yin could never escape the attention of Higgins and with Ho Cheung-yu completely bottled out by Walters the forward line was reduced to a thing of shreds and patches.

Lewis played brilliantly in the Army goal but he got excellent support from Wallace, Ashworth and Haynes.

Higgins was the outstanding player and apart from

keeping Yiu Cheuk-yin in control he still had time to go forward and help the attack.

Riley had a grand time in Robson's old position and all his three goals were beautifully taken.

Middleton was again the attacking general while Stonehouse and Walmsey on the wing and Morris in the middle were a constant worry to the South China defence.

The game was exceptionally well refereed by Mr Y. F. Mak. **VERDICT:** A grand game of traditionally hard but absolutely fair football. The Caroline Hill lights are going to be a great asset to local sporting facilities. This Army victory is all the more meritorious when it is reported that five of the players were playing their second game of the day!

THE GOALS: South China: Pau King-yin; Lau Chi-ping, Lau Yee; Lok Tak-hay, Ko Po-keung, Chan Chi-kong, Chu Wing-wah, Ho Cheung-yu, Lee Yuk-tai, Yiu Cheuk-yin, Mok Chun-wah.

Army: Lewis, Wallace, Haynes; Higgins, Ashworth, Walters; Stonehouse, Middleton, Morris, Riley, Walmsey.

RELAY RACE. The 1,000 Metres Relay Race, the first to be staged in Hongkong in the interval of a soccer match, went off in a big way with the Hongkong soccer public. The race saw four teams entered, with Army "A" romping home quite comfortably.

South China running in the inside track took an early lead, followed in order by Army "B", the Royal Air Force and Army "B".

Army "A's" time for the distance was 3 minutes 41 seconds. South China were clocked in 3 minutes 41.5 seconds.

To round off the evening's entertainment, the South China Athletic Association gave a dinner party, which was well attended. Mr. Chan Nam-cheung, Chairman of South China, in an opening speech, thanked the Hon. Kwok Chan for performing the opening ceremony of the floodlighting system and thanked Mr Jack Skinner for doing the kicking-off ceremony.

Then Hon. Kwok Chan replied on behalf of the guest, thanked South China for their good contribution to football in Hongkong by installing the most modern floodlighting equipment in the Colony.

Mr B. Donohue thanked South China on behalf of the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association for allowing them to stage their relay race before a football public.

Mr Chan Nam-cheung then presented a banner to Higgins, captain of the victorious Army team, who in turn stood tongue-tied to say a few words to the guests. As a last resort, Capt. Sloan, team manager of the Army team, requested Riley, the hero of yesterday's match to speak on behalf of the Army team.

LAND FORCES TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following were the results of matches played at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday in the Land Forces Tennis Championships:

Men's Singles: Maj. Pegg beat Tpr. Allan 6/1, 6/4; 3/1. McCay beat Maj. Dudley 6/2, 6/1; 1/1. Col. Sullivan beat WO1 Macdonald 6/0, 6/2; 3/0. Grr. Cooley 6/0, 6/2; 3/0. Sgt. Hooper beat Maj. Jackson 6/1, 6/2; 3/0. (4th Round), beat Maj. Richardson 6/0, 6/2; 3/0.

Mixed Doubles: Capt. Hurst/Mrs. McGrath beat Lt. Col. Smith/Mrs. 6/2, 6/2; 3/0. Jackson/Mrs. Stubbs-Bromley lost to Capt. Bowen/Mrs. Cox 3/6, 4/6; 3/0. (2nd Round). Evans beat WO1 Dickinson/Mrs. Savage 6/2, 6/2; 3/0. Round 1st lost to Maj/Mrs. Smith 3/6, 1/6.

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Hugo Koblet, the noted Swiss champion cyclist, was recently married to Sonia Buehl, a noted pianist. Picture shows the happy couple coming out of the Fraumuenster Cathedral at Zurich after the ceremony.—Agence France-Press Photo.

JIMMY CARTER—
HE TWICE REGAINED
A CHAMPIONSHIP

Only one man has twice regained the World Lightweight Championship. The person who recently made this little bit of boxing history is Jimmy Carter, 31-year-old New York negro.

Jimmy beat Paddy Demarco, a fellow New Yorker, on a technical knockout in the 15th and final round of their Championship bout in San Francisco. He lost the title to Demarco last March.

The story of Jimmy Carter's rise to fame in the world of athletics began as recently as 1951. For it was then that Carter, a 26-year-old light-weight who lived with his wife and son in a Harlem tenement, pulled his fighting knowledge against the skill of champion like Williams—and his famed "bolo" punch.

The fight at Madison Square Gardens, New York, was staged more as an exhibition for television audiences than as a serious contest for a World title. Williams was expected to win comfortably from a man who had lost two of his three fights that year. His manager was so certain of Williams' success that he didn't even bother to arrange a return in the event of the champion's defeat.

NO RIGHT. Critics said Carter had no right to be in the same ring as Williams, the boxing magazine, and recognized authority on such matters, listed Jimmy as No. 7 in the long line of contenders.

Before the fight, the National Boxing Association of America had refused to recognize the bout as a fight for the championship. But the governing body in New York, where the fight was staged, overruled the N.B.A.

A mere 3,394 people watched the fight—the smallest-ever crowd for a championship. But those three thousand odd, plus those who turned on their TV sets, had the shock of their lives: so did Williams. Carter dropped him for five and eight in the fifth round, and in the tenth deposited the champion in a ring-side seat. Carter went on to win in round 14, the referee intervening for the sake of Williams' health.

For that upset Carter received the sum of £1,000. In October 1952, Carter became the second man in the history of the light-weight division to regain the championship when he outpointed Luyt-Sing of Mexico, who had beaten him for the title the previous May.

But to return to his finest-ever performance, on November 17

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350,000 Swedes Have
Taken Up The New Sport
Of Orienteering

Swedes are probably the most sport-minded people in the world today. One out of every four persons of an entire population of seven million is a subscribing and active member of some officially recognised sports or athletic club.

Six out of every ten men between the ages of 15 and 60 and one out of every ten women between the ages of 15 and 40 take part regularly in some organised game or sport. Many more engage in out-of-doors activities which it is impossible to enumerate.

It is estimated that the average male Swede spends on sport and sporting equipment for himself and his family approximately one-tenth of his annual income, and more time and money than anyone else in Europe.

If proficiency in competition is any reflection of a national interest in sport, it may be worth noting that during the last Olympiad Sweden ranked first in the winter sports and second in the summer ones.

During the whole 80-years existence of the Olympic Games Sweden comes second in the world in collective victories. The USA with a population nearly twenty times larger, comes first.

This sport-mindedness in Sweden is the result of no accident. It has been fostered carefully during the last three or four decades by educational, philanthropic, industrial, municipal, and national organisations in order to raise the general health of the community and to get the average child worker and town-dweller out into the open-air and into the natural playgrounds of Sweden's woods, mountains, and 93,000 lakes.

As an example of its popularity a promotional contest held recently attracted no less than 135,000 adults at the same time. In Sweden as well as all the other countries in which the sport has spread, it has proved to be the perfect prerequisite for campers, hikers, ramblers, hunters, fishermen, scouts, mountaineers and an ideal preliminary for civil defence and military training.

Today there are over 1,500 clubs in Sweden alone with a following of over 350,000 active participants. In Finland, Denmark, Norway, Belgium, Holland, and Switzerland there are thousands more. In 1946 the sport was introduced to Canada and the United States, where the term Orienteering—derived from the Swedish word orientation—was coined.

SCHOOL SUBJECT. Because of its easy adaptation for educational purposes it has been placed on the official curriculum of all Swedish primary schools. A textbook of the subject has sold 150,000 copies and become a best seller.

Every year nearly 40,000 Swedish boys and girls compete for an Orienteering proficiency pin. Last autumn the educational authorities of the Canadian province of Ontario followed suit and made the teaching of Orienteering a compulsory subject in 7,500 of its primary schools. They had the Swedish textbook specially translated and adapted for the purpose.

An interesting outcome of the popularity of the sport is the sale each year in Sweden of 160,000 Orienteering compasses. These compasses, patented and invented by young Swedish devotees of the sport, combine precision, accuracy and ease in use and are liquid-filled to prevent excessive oscillation. They are cheap, strong—qualities much appreciated by scouts and schoolchildren—and are extremely fast, a factor of great importance to runners in Orienteering cross-country races.

As the sport has spread outside Sweden, factories for the making of these compasses have been opened in Norway, Denmark, France, Canada and the USA.

The most strenuous athletic event in the world next to the French bicycle race, the "Tour de France" is probably the mountain Orienteering race held every year in Sweden.

Contestants have to battle their way on foot for over 80 miles across hills and mountains varying in height more than 3,000 feet, and through jungle-like forests and spongy swamps. Along various points in the wild uncharted trail along which they pass are control stations, where the participants get instructions—either by word of mouth from an official or from a notice posted on a tree—as to what the next leg or goal in the race is to be.

Every competitor carries on his back a heavy pack weighing at least 22 lbs. Upon reaching each day's goal, he must pitch his own tent and prepare his own food from the contents of his pack. The runners work in teams of two. The first team home wins.

HEADLAMPS. Orienteering races are also held at night now. The control points are marked by coloured lights, and runners wear—like their day counterparts—strap-on to their foreheads such as a surgecoat.

Apart from its various competitive forms, of which there are many, the Sport of Orienteering has given thousands of people, a hobby, which takes them outdoors, and stimulates their physical and mental faculties at the same time.

A knowledge of Orienteering enables them to wander through unknown country, woodland, or mountain areas with the help only of a map and compass confident in the knowledge that they can always find their way home.

They can go hunting and fishing without a guide, they can set out comfortably on canoe journeys in a labyrinth of waterways, and in Sweden they can go down the hilliest country in a snowstorm if necessary.

In fact Orienteering has given many people a purpose for being out-of-doors and given the balance of being out-of-doors another purpose.

DAVIS CUP DRAW SUITS THE SWEDES. Brisbane, Dec. 15. The draw for tomorrow's opening matches and the inter-zone Davis Cup tennis finals was made today and came out just the way Sweden had hoped—with Sven Davidson of Sweden facing Tony Trabert of the United States in the opening singles match.

Veteran Lennart Bergelin of Sweden will oppose U.S. Champion Selkass of Philadelphia in the other singles match on the Thursday programme.

"Things couldn't be better," said Gunnar Galin, Manager of the Swedish team, who wore a wide smile as the draw was announced. "I am pleased."

The Swedes wanted a Davidson-Trabert pairing in the opening match because they believe that Davidson, a six-foot, two-inch power slammer who holds the U.S. indoor championship, is a formidable and whip-smacking former U.S. champion from Cincinnati, Ohio, and give Sweden a quick 1-0 lead.

Davidson pointed out that he lost to Trabert in a fast match at Boston this year and beat him in five sets at Wimbledon. He commented, "I just hope I can get opened up before the match is over."

If Big Sven can beat Tony again, then the 29-year-old Bergelin, also a powerful hitter but always unpredictable, would be given a further boost to his confidence for his match against Selkass. Bergelin has the guns to beat Selkass because he has beaten the world's top players from time to time in his long career. The Swedes' figure is a question of confidence.

STRANGLE HOLD. A 2-0 open day lead would, of course, give Sweden a stranger hold in the series, for Ben Galin's men would need to win only one of the three remaining matches on Friday and Saturday to win the series.

Billy Trabert, non-playing captain of the U.S. team, held off until the last minute before naming Trabert and Selkass to carry the whole load for the Americans in this series. Trabert has been far off form in recent tournaments and practice and Trabert had been considering replacing him in this series with Hamilton Richardson, U.S. intercollegiate champion from Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Trabert and Galin both announced their teams for the doubles match on Friday—Selkass and Trabert vs. Bergelin and Davidson. However, the captains can change their minds until an hour before the scheduled start of the match.

In the concluding pair of singles matches on Saturday, Trabert will play Bergelin and Selkass will oppose Davidson. United Press.

Red Banner Draw
With Chelsea

London, Dec. 15. Red Banner, soccer champions of Hungary, drew 2-2 with Chelsea, English First Division club, today. Chelsea led 2-1 at half-time.—Reuter.

WEEK-END
SOFTBALL

The following is the weekend schedule for Saturday, January 11 and Sunday, January 12.

SATURDAY

Blackhaws v. P.I. Dodgers (Umpires: Chan Yue-lai, Wong Kwok-ching, Chan Hon-Kit) on Ground "A" at 2 p.m.

Blackhaws v. South China (Umpires: H. Hsu-shan, F. Yee, Alan Owen) on Ground "B" at 3:30 p.m.

Ladies: Pandas v. Overalls (Umpires: M. Ferras and two Dodgers players) on Ground "A" at 3:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Blackhaws v. Braves (Umpires: A. J. Dawson, J. Chan, O. Soong) on Ground "A" at 11:30 a.m.

Sanhu v. Warriors (Umpires: W. Aun, Y. S. Sen, J. Herrick) on Ground "A" at 2 p.m.

Blackhaws v. Americans (Umpires: H. Wingle, Art Orazio, S.H. Bucks) on Ground "B" at 3:30 p.m.

Ladies: Pandas v. Wai Ying (Umpires: J. Chan, H. Hsu-shan, F. Yee, Alan Owen) on Ground "B" at 3:30 p.m.

Ladies: Pandas v. South China (Umpires: D. Chan, P. Remedios, V. Butler) on Ground "A" at 10 a.m.

CA v. Wai-ho v. (Umpires: M. E. Nunes and two Blackhaws players) on Ground "B" at 10 a.m.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1951

New Move In Soviet Campaign For Friendship With Japan

Washington, Dec. 16.

The Radio Moscow reference in a Japanese-language broadcast on Tuesday to the possibility that Japan can "make peace and do business" with China and the Soviet Union without the United States aroused considerable interest in expert circles here.

It is thought that this hint might be a prelude to a joint Sino-Russian peace offensive against Japan which would be stepped up as the date of the Japanese elections approaches.

Another Message From Hammarskjöld?

New York, Dec. 15.

Informed sources at the United Nations said today they believed that the letter sent by New Delhi to Peking respecting the 11 American airmen imprisoned by China was actually a private message from Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld backing up his public offer to go to Peking for consultations.

Mr. Hammarskjöld, the United Nations Secretary-General, cabled Mr. Chou En-lai, the Chinese Communist Prime Minister, last Friday for direct talks.

The informed sources said that Mr. Hammarskjöld had also asked the Indian Government to pass on to Peking through their diplomatic mission in the Chinese capital a private communication supplementing his request for a meeting.

The same sources were inclined to discount reports that Mr. Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, had actually "intervened" in the matter with Mr. Chou En-lai.

INDIGNATION

While some sections of United States opinion, including the popular press, are expressing impatience and even indignation about the non-receipt of a reply from Peking, at the United Nations headquarters no such sentiments are expressed. The feeling is that if China wishes to take its time to consider the Secretary-General's request in all its implications, that in itself may be interpreted as meaning that Peking is taking the matter seriously and will not reject the request out of hand.

Coupled with this is the fact that Peking radio although it protested that United Nations had no right to debate and pass judgment on what it claimed to be a matter of domestic concern for China, has not yet seen fit to execute the Secretary-General for his initiative in seeking to meet Mr. Chou En-lai. So that while on one hand American public opinion (but not the State Department) is expressing anxiety about the position, United Nations headquarters would appear to consider Peking bound to answer the Secretary-General's cable before long.

Should reply be unfavourable it remains to be seen what further action the United Nations can take to bring home to China the realization of its offence against the world's conscience. —Reuter and The Times News Service (Copyright).

Nutting Cancels Radio Speech

United Nations, Dec. 15.

Mr. Anthony Nutting, British Minister of State, today cancelled at the last minute a radio interview which he had arranged with a number of United Nations journalists for transmission to Canada.

Although Mr. Nutting gave no reason for the cancellation, it was generally assumed that it was a consequence of remarks he made last Sunday during a televised broadcast to the United States.

His remarks about Britain's role in Formosa were attacked by the Chinese Communists and reportedly caused great embarrassment to the British Foreign Office. —France-Press.

Calcutta, Dec. 15. Calcutta Customs officials seized 2,000 watches worth 235,000, stealing which they found concealed in the boiler room of the 2,700-ton ship Chongking on its arrival here from Hongkong last night. —Reuter.

Christmas Illuminations At Brussels



With the approach of Christmas the streets in Brussels are gaily illuminated — an added attraction for the many shoppers. — London Express Photo.

NATO's Problem: Defining Gruenther's Powers To Order Atomic Retaliation

Paris, Dec. 16.

Competent military men believe that the problem of when to use atomic weapons which will be studied this week by the North Atlantic Council, presupposes another one, namely, integration of atomic arms within the countries of the alliance.

The military committee of NATO and the standing group from Washington will submit a series of reports to civilian ministers outlining the different types of conflict which might conceivably arise from a more incident to sudden and generalised attack along the whole front.

The reports will then be examined and the different types of reaction which can be made, ranging from simple intervention by troops to restoration of full-scale strategic weapons.

Ministers' responsibility. Obviously, it is the responsibility of the civilian ministers and not of the professional officers to determine the type of reaction that shall be made in each case.

Military men insist on only one point, that reaction shall be swift and not subjected to prolonged discussions for it must take place within hours and not days following the aggression.

At the moment, the powers of the Supreme Commander in Europe are very limited. Apart from being able to recall soldiers on leave in a time of crisis, every other important decision depends upon the will of the individual governments of the North Atlantic alliance.

But when it comes to massive nuclear weapons, they can be

employed by the Government that possesses them, in this case the United States, with the consent of the Government on whose territory atomic bases are stationed.

The United States strategic aviation, based in England, can

go into action without consulting other governments of the North Atlantic alliance.

The only proviso is that the British Government must be consulted.

By the same token, American strategic bombers in Morocco can take off with French consent.

The real problem at the moment, therefore, is not to know whether the Supreme Commander in Europe, General Alfred M. Gruenther, will eventually get authority over atomic weapons or seek ways of making the governments of NATO be unanimous in their use. It is rather whether Admiral Arthur Radford, the Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, can force a decision on atomic weapons himself, being subordinate to nobody except President Eisenhower.

MORE CONTROL

Since General Gruenther, although an American citizen, receives troops from 14 different capitals, the European Governments are beginning to think that more atomic control should be given to Supreme headquarters.

Hence the thesis is gaining ground among European military men that the power of the Supreme headquarters should be increased this time rather than diminished.

Military men feel that the problem arising from atomic weapons is too complex and they have very little hope that final decisions can be reached at the present meetings in Paris.

They do hope, however, that some minor decisions will be taken with a result of strengthening of the system of warning of the Western alliance along the periphery of the eventual war. —France-Press.

Rediffusion For Sek Kong

Rediffusion will inaugurate its full service to Sek Kong tonight as the second step in its plan to provide a dual programme service for the New Territories Army camps and Chinese communities, according to an announcement made by the company, today.

At 8.20 p.m., Mrs. P. H. Medley, Chairman of the Sek Kong Village Welfare Committee, will turn a switch, inaugurating the flow of programmes both in English and Chinese to this area. The ceremony will take place at the Sek Kong Club where the directors of Rediffusion will entertain guests at a cocktail party and dinner.

Rediffusion's plans for a programme service to the New Territories included the inauguration of the service to Tsun Wan on October 23.

Following the opening of the Sek Kong service, Rediffusion will shortly inaugurate a similar service to Un Long, Tai Po Market, Fan Ling, and Sheung Shui.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for registered correspondence posted at the Hongkong Post Office in general, are earlier than the times shown below, particulars regarding this matter can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

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Philippines, 6 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Egypt, Switzerland, France & Great Britain, 8 a.m.
U.S.A., 11 a.m.
By Surface
Formosa, Okinawa, Japan & Korea, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, 6 p.m.
By Air
China, Pacific Republic, 8 a.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
By Air
Philippines, 6 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Egypt, Switzerland, France & Great Britain, 8 a.m.
U.S.A., 11 a.m.
By Surface
Formosa, Okinawa, Japan & Korea, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, 6 p.m.

Radio Hongkong

12.15 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 5.55, Jazz Hall Song presented by Robin Day (Studio); 6.30, Programme of the Day (Studio); 6.55, Weather Report; 7.00, News and World News (London Relay); 7.10, Commentary (London Relay); 7.15, Special Announcement: 7.20, "My Evening" — a Personal Account by the All Stars, presented by Robin Day (Studio); 7.30, "The Show" (BBC); 7.40, "The Show" (BBC); 7.50, "The Show" (BBC); 8.00, "The Show" (BBC); 8.10, "The Show" (BBC); 8.20, "The Show" (BBC); 8.30, "The Show" (BBC); 8.40, "The Show" (BBC); 8.50, "The Show" (BBC); 9.00, "The Show" (BBC); 9.10, "The Show" (BBC); 9.20, "The Show" (BBC); 9.30, "The Show" (BBC); 9.40, "The Show" (BBC); 9.50, "The Show" (BBC); 10.00, "The Show" (BBC); 10.10, "The Show" (BBC); 10.20, "The Show" (BBC); 10.30, "The Show" (BBC); 10.40, "The Show" (BBC); 10.50, "The Show" (BBC); 11.00, "The Show" (BBC); 11.10, "The Show" (BBC); 11.20, "The Show" (BBC); 11.30, "The Show" (BBC); 11.40, "The Show" (BBC); 11.50, "The Show" (BBC); 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